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Total Isolation Of Kwong Fook Cheung For Several Weeks

THRILLING EXPERIENCES OF CAPTAIN GRIERSON

DETENTION OF HIS SHIP IN CANTON owing to the closure of the Pearl River, hurried evacuation of refugees, hair-raising experiences as the result of Japanese planes flying over and total isolation from the outside world for the past few weeks are some of the incidents in the career of Captain F. W. Grierson, master of the Kwong Fook Cheung, who arrived in Hongkong last night.

When Capt. Grierson berthed his ship alongside the wharf in Connaught Road last night, he just exclaimed, "We sure are glad to get back anyway!"

The Kwong Fook Cheung sailed for Kongmoon on October 12 on her regular run and arrived at her destination about 8 a.m. the following day. About 3 p.m. the same day Captain Grierson brought the ship back to Hongkong again. But owing to the Bocca Tigris having been blockaded he had to turn back and change his course to Canton instead.

After remaining in Canton for a short period, Captain Grierson's ship was one of the four vessels requested by the Refugee Committee to convey the Chinese refugees to Kongmoon.

ORDERED TO LEAVE

On October 17 the Kwong Fook Cheung again returned to Canton where she remained till October 21 when orders were given for the ship to leave the city for safety. The ship then sailed back to

Kongmoon and stayed at anchor there owing to the boom in the Pearl River being closed.

Yesterday, on the advice of the British authorities, who had negotiated with the Japanese, the s.s. Kwong Fook Cheung, together with no less than ten other ships, including four passenger steamers on the Wuchow run, two Portuguese trawlers, an Asiatic Petroleum Company cargo boat and two other vessels plying between Kongmoon and Hongkong, left Kongmoon early yesterday morning and arrived in the Colony late last night.

GUNBOAT ESCORT

During their voyage down, the ships were escorted by two British gunboats, H.M.S. Robin and H.M.S. Cicada until Bocca Tigris was reached.

During his second stay in Canton, just before the fall of that city, Captain Grierson had some hair-raising experiences as Japanese planes were flying over the city on an aerial bombardment. On one occasion a bomb dropped so near that the vibration shook the ship and the sprays spouted on the deck.

All through their stay in Kongmoon the ship's crew were without means of communication with the outside world. The telegraph system was destroyed and they had to rely on a priest who had a radio, to tell them what was happening.

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London Silver Market

(Our Own Correspondent).
London, Nov. 10.
London silver prices to-day were unchanged as follows:
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Spot.....19-5/8 19-5/8
Forward.....19-5/16 19-5/16

"UNOFFICIAL DAY" AT THE COUNCIL

Suggestions And Approvals Expressed By Members

"Unofficials' Day" at the debate on the Budget for 1939 by the Legislative Council yesterday was featured by the agreement, expressed by the Senior Unofficial Member, Sir Henry Pollock, with the new procedure in connection with the Budget. Sir Henry also stated that while he and his colleagues unanimously regarded the Budget as a sound and by no means extravagant one, they nevertheless recommended caution before embarking on long term projects.

FIRE BRIGADE DISPLAY

GOVERNOR TO BE PRESENT

The annual drill display of the Hongkong Fire Brigade will take place in the compound of the Wanchai Police Station, Lockhart Road, on Thursday next at 3 p.m.

His Excellency the Governor and Lady Northcote have intimated their intention to attend. The Brigade authorities cordially invite the public to witness the display, but early arrival is essential as seating accommodation cannot be guaranteed.

The Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo strongly recommended the building of a new Queen's College, while the Hon. Dr. Li Shu-fan put forward a plea, on behalf of the medical profession, for better consideration for doctors by the Traffic Department in the matter of "Closed Roads."

The Senior Chinese member, the Hon. Mr. T. N. Chau, expressed the hope that whatever new forms of taxation may be planned, income tax would not be one of them. He also made mention of the very admirable way in which the Medical Department dealt with the refugee problem and expressed satisfaction with the exemplary manner in which members of the Chinese community behaved during this very difficult period.

A full report of the Legislative Council Meeting is given in the special supplement, accompanying this issue of the "Daily Press."

SPANISH WAR FRONTS

Republican Gains Reported

Barcelona, Nov. 10.
The Republican War Ministry in a bulletin issued last night reports from the Eastern front that the Republicans in the Segre sector not only repulsed the enemy attacks on the recently captured positions, but also advanced their lines capturing prisoners and war material.

The number of prisoners taken within the last three days exceeds 600.

The enemy made strong attacks on the Ebro front and succeeded in occupying two mountain ranges near Venta de Campesinos which were recaptured by the Republicans.

ENEMY LINES BOMBED

Republican planes bombed the enemy lines and successfully machine-gunned enemy troop concentrations yesterday. Six enemy machines were shot down in the air fight. The pilot of one enemy plane was taken prisoner. The Republicans lost three pursuit planes.

Reports from the Levant front state that the Republican troops attacked near Nules on Tuesday night and recaptured La Perillena and Fuente de la Salut where the enemy had to retreat, abandoning machine-guns and anti-tank guns. The Republicans took 35 prisoners and are continuing in their victorious advance. The seaside district of Valencia was attacked by Nationalist bombers yesterday morning. Several houses were destroyed and a number of people killed.—Transocean.

FIVE THOUSAND XMAS BOXES FOR CHINA SUFFERERS

Shanghai, Nov. 10.
As a gesture of sympathy and goodwill to the women and children victims of warfare in China, the American Red Cross is shipping Christmas cargo of candy, food-stuffs and medicines for distribution. It was announced from Washington.

To China will go 5,000 Christmas boxes, containing pencils, crayons and toys packed by Junior Red Cross children in schools along the Pacific Coast, and a quantity of nuts and candied fruits. The cost of these gifts is met from the National Children's Fund of the Junior Red Cross, a fund made up from pennies earned and donated by school children all over the nation.

The shipments are the result of co-operation between American business firms, U.S. government agencies, the American Friends Society and the American Advisory Committee in China, all enlisted in the effort by Chairman Norman H. Davis of the American Red Cross—International.

JEWS NOT ALLOWED TO POSSESS ARMS

Munich, Nov. 10.
The German Police Chief, Herr Himmler has issued a decree prohibiting Jews from possessing arms of any kind.
It is announced that offenders "will be taken to concentration camps and kept there for the duration of twenty years."—Reuter.

CANDID CAMERA AT THE RACES



Picture taken at the Tenth Extra Race meeting held at the Valley. (Photo by Leica).

ANOTHER DRIVE HAILED

Guerillas Harass Japanese

London, Nov. 10.
The Japanese campaign to clear the sacred Wutaishan Mountain in the region of northeast Shanai, which is an important base of the Chinese guerillas in North China, has been frustrated, claims the Chinese Foreign Ministry according to a telegram received in London.
The telegram says that over one hundred severe battles had been

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LOCAL MINING CONTROL

Report Tabled In Council

Tabled in Legislative Council yesterday was a report by Mr. A. E. P. Kershaw, Senior Inspector of Mines, Perak, (F.M.S.) on control measures which the Hongkong Government should adopt in respect of mines in the Colony.

Mr. Kershaw was invited to make investigations and recommendations owing to the lack of adequate regulations for the inspection and control of mines here.

Among many suggestions for the safety and welfare of workers in existing properties, Mr. Kershaw also recommends equitable mining laws and regulations to encourage prospecting and development work. "Owing to the absence of a detailed geological report, the mining potentialities of the Colony are unknown," states the report. "There are, however, definite indications of mineral deposits in the New Territories and neighbouring islands which may prove of economic value if prospected and mined by up to date methods backed with adequate capital."

ROYAL BIRTHDAY



King Victor Emmanuel of Italy who to-day celebrates his 69th birthday.

KEMAL ATATURK DIES AT 58

National Assembly Summoned

Istanbul, Nov. 10.
The death has occurred of His Excellency Kemal Ataturk, President of the Turkish Republic who passed away at 7.05 a.m. (G.M.T.).

Under the Constitution, the President of the National Assembly, Abdul Halikrenda, has automatically assumed in the interim the presidency until the new President is elected.

The National Assembly has been summoned with greatest urgency in order to proceed immediately with the presidential election.

The most likely successor to the presidency is General Ismet Inonu, 58-year-old ex-Premier of Turkey who has taken no part in public life since he resigned the

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THEIR FIRST MEETING

Rome, Nov. 10.
The new French Ambassador to Italy, M. Francois-Poncet, presented a copy of his credentials to Count Ciano with whom he had conversations for the first time. The two ministers talked for an hour.—Reuter.

CANTON TURNED INTO LIVING HELL; WILD ORGY OF ARSON AND LOOTING RAMPANT

Japanese Garrison Unable To Cope With The Situation

Custom House Saved By Volunteer Fire Department

(SPECIAL TO THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS")

Canton, October 25.
A wild orgy of arson, with looting rampant, has turned Canton into a living hell, and the small Japanese garrison of no more than 2,000 soldiers is utterly unable to cope with the situation. In fact, the Japanese appear to be anticipating trouble, whereas immediately after their entry to the city they were most nonchalant, and patrols consisted of not more than one or two men.

Breastworks are being built by the invaders along the Bund and it would appear that they fear that guerillas may be ready to introduce a new form of terror to the stricken city, writes our own correspondent who has been "locked up" in Canton since its fall.

Twice Shameen has been on the verge of being thrown into a sea of fire, with fires burning on the other side of the narrow canal, and sparks falling continuously on concession roof-tops.

First, it was opposite the French Concession that houses on the Chinese side of the canal burned, and the day before yesterday, just after that fire was extinguished, a new outbreak occurred at the extreme west end of the island. Carlowitz and Co., and Bornemann and Co., brought out six small engines from their stock-rooms, and several engines that were in one or another of the municipal fire brigade houses were commandeered.

These were put along the Shaker Maloo, and water was pumped from the canal. Sailors from the various gunboats and a German volunteer corps formed a company of fire-fighters and did much to keep the fire from spreading further than it did. The few engines

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CHAMBER CONCERT CLUB FORMED IN H.K.

Governor Presides At Inaugural Meeting IMPORTANT EVENT

The great interest which His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, displays in local musical activities was further demonstrated yesterday when, through his courtesy, a meeting was held at Government House with the aim of forming a Chamber Concert Club and sponsoring a series of concerts during the coming season.

His Excellency, who presided, was supported by the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, Mr. D. J. Sloos and Professor L. T. Ride. A large number of music lovers attended.

Outlining the objects of the proposed society, the Hon. Mr. Smith, said that the formation of an organization of this nature would be an outstanding event in the Colony. He dwelt on the various musical activities locally, and remarked that interest in music here was certainly very widespread as was shown by the regular efforts of different groups.

UNANIMOUS SUPPORT

The Chamber Concert Club was accordingly formed with the unanimous support of all present, and it is proposed to be affiliated with the Hongkong Singers.

The following officers were elected:—Chairman—The Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith; Hon. Secretary—Mr. D. J. Sloos, Committee members—Rev. Fr. A. Riganti, Mr. Lindsay A. Lafford, and Mr. E. O'Neil Shaw.

DUTCH CRUISER FOR FAR EAST

Casablanca, Nov. 10.
The Dutch cruiser Sumatra called at Casablanca harbour yesterday. The cruiser, which was commissioned in 1936, is one of the most modern units of the Netherlands Navy. She will remain at Casablanca, and then sail for the Far East for protection of Dutch interests.—Transocean.

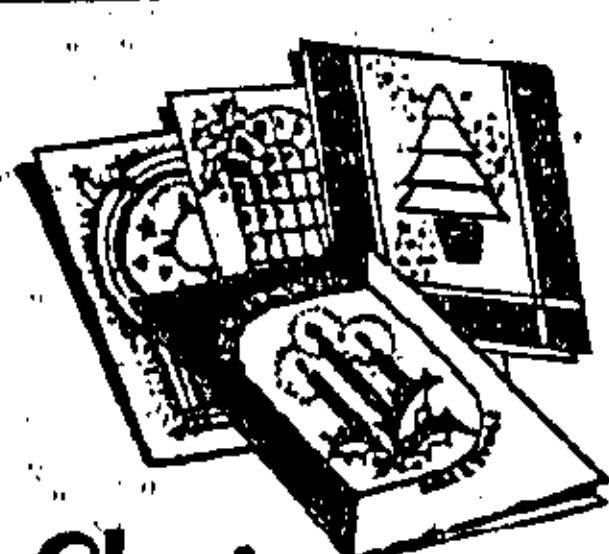
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NEWS ABOUT THE SERVICES

ROYAL NAVY 1ST TRIBAL FLOTILLA COMPLETE

Commander R. W. Ravenhill has assumed command of the Nubian at the works of Thornycroft and Co., Limited, Southampton. With the delivery of the Nubian the 1st Tribal Destroyer Flotilla will be complete.

Three ships, the Afridi, Cossack, and Mohawk, are already in the Mediterranean, where the flotilla is to be employed; three others, the Gurkha, Sikh, and Zulu, have run their acceptance trials and are now at the home ports.

The 1st Flotilla will be closely followed by the 2nd Tribal Flotilla, which has been allocated to the Home Fleet, and which will also consist of eight vessels. The first to be delivered will probably be the Somali, built by Messrs. Swan, Hunter, and Wigham Richardson at Wallsend-on-Tyne, as leader of the flotilla.

All these destroyers, the largest ever built for the Navy, are being made commander's commands, with captains in the flotilla and division leaders. Commander Ravenhill has hitherto commanded the destroyer Whitehall.

He is a specialist in navigation, and was in the Royal Sovereign as squadron navigator, 2nd Battle Squadron, at the time of his promotion in June, 1936.

PROGRAMME FOR THE HOBART

The Australian cruiser Hobart (formerly the Apollo in the Royal Navy), Captain R. R. Stewart, has left Portsmouth for Australia, manned chiefly by the Commonwealth crew which brought home the seaplane-carrier Albatross. The Hobart will call at Gibraltar, November 1-5; Malta, November 8-15; Suez, November 18; Aden, November 22-24; Fremantle, December 9-12; and Melbourne, December 17-19; before arriving at Sydney on December 21.

LIEUTENANT W. H. HOYLE

Commissioned Gunner W. H. Hoyle, who has been placed on the retired list with the rank of lieutenant on attaining the age limit of 50, was awarded the D.S.M. for his services at the Battle of Jutland as a petty officer.

RETURN OF THE CUMBERLAND
H.M.S. Cumberland, Captain J. C. Leach, M.V.O., has returned to Chatham on the completion of her commission on the China Station. Her present ship's company joined on May 13, 1938.

The Cumberland has been serving as flagship on the station, and transferred the flag of Vice-Admiral Sir Percy Noble to the Kent on September 28, on the return of the latter ship after refit.

NEW SUBMARINE

The minelayer submarine Cachalot, completed in August by the Scott's Company, Greenock, and at present attached to the 5th Flotilla at Portsmouth, is ordered to relieve the Swordfish in the 2nd Submarine Flotilla, Home Fleet. The Cachalot is commanded by Lieutenant-Commander S. W. F. Bennetts, formerly commanding the Seahorse in the 2nd Flotilla.

REPAIR OF THE HUNTER

The destroyer Hunter has been commissioned at Malta for trials with the crew of the Active, which has been taking her place in the 2nd Destroyer Flotilla, Mediterranean Fleet.

The Hunter was seriously damaged while on patrol off America on May 13, 1937, by a mine which exploded under the mess decks, eight members of her crew being killed and 14 injured.

In spite of her extensive injuries the ship remained afloat, and was towed 150 miles to Gibraltar, where temporary repairs were effected. A claim for \$124,000 for damage to the Hunter, and \$10,500 for compensation for the dependents of those killed and injured has been presented to the Burgos authorities.

THE ARMY

ASSUMPTION OF APPOINTMENTS

Major-General A. F. A. N. Thorne, C.M.G., D.S.O., assumed his appointment as General Officer Commanding, London District, recently.

General Sir Harry Knox, K.C.B., D.S.O., has taken up the appointment of Governor of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, in succession to General Sir Walter Braithwaite, G.C.B.

ROYAL AIR FORCE PROMOTION EXAMINATIONS

The next promotion examinations "B" and "C," for flight lieutenant and squadron leader in the general duties branch, and "E" and "F," for corresponding ranks in the equipment branch, will be held on March 14, 15, 16, and 17, 1939.

Air officers commanding at home and abroad are to submit lists of candidates to reach the Air Ministry not later than January 1. These lists are to include the names of any officers who wish to take the whole or part of any examination again.

MALARIA AND COTTON

A British plantation of more than ordinary importance has recently been the subject of an article in "Fortune," a de luxe American periodical devoted to business.

While cotton is the chief crop, the Delta and Pine Land Company is the once heavily timbered delta region of the Mississippi River which is said to have two distinctions. The first, which no doubt led to the establishment of this British enterprise in America, is the claim that it is the greatest area of long staple cotton growing in the world.

Its other distinguishing feature causes some alarm to planters and much misery to thousands of field hands. The delta region, which lies along the great river in the state of Mississippi, has the greatest incidence of malaria and more deaths from it than any other region in America.

A few planters, especially to their tractor mechanics, have proved the commercial importance of immunizing them against malaria by a daily dose of prophylactic quinine.

QUININE TREATMENT

More recently, and in order to confirm the prophylactic value of quinine on a more extensive scale, the Mississippi State Board of Health started a comprehensive study along this line. A prophylactic dose of six grains of

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The American officials wish to confirm what plantation owners in the Far East have long known, that quinine is the one real preventive of malaria. The importance of keeping field hands at work instead of in bed is so obvious that the Mississippi plantation owners are eager to co-operate.

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DIARY OF LOCAL EVENTS

TO-DAY
Anniversaries and Holidays.—Twentieth Anniversary of Armistice Day, 1918; King Victor Emmanuel III of Italy born, 1869; St. Martin, Bishop; Martinmas; Bank Holiday.

Cinemas.—(See Column 3 of this Page).

Dancers.—R. E. O. C. A. Armistice Carnival Dance, Peninsula Hotel, in Aid of Earl Haig's Fund, 8.30 p.m.; Cabaret Dine: Dance, at Hongkong Hotel, in Aid of Hongkong Benevolent Society, and Poppy Day Fund.

Entertainments.—Armistice Day Concert by the Hongkong Singers, at St. John's Cathedral, 9.15 p.m.; Yiu Chung Girls' School Concert, at Alhambra Theatre, for War Afflicted Refugees.

Lectures.—A.R.P., Maryknoll Convent School, Kowloon, 4 p.m.; Full Course Anti-Gas Training at Police Reserve Emergency Unit Hqs., 5.20 p.m.; St. John Ambulance First Aid in Chinese at Yung Wah College (for Men) 7.30 p.m.; at Yau Ma Tei Govt. School, 8 p.m.

Mails.—Christmas Parcels for Great Britain per s.s. Rampura, close at noon.

Meetings.—Helena May Religious Fellowship, 10.30 a.m.; "Peace Week" at Challenge Book Room, Queen's Bldg., 5.30 p.m.

Miscellaneous.—Sale of Poppies; Ceremonial Parade at the Cenotaph, in Commemoration of Armistice Day, starting 10.45 a.m., at the Chinese Memorial Arch.

ADVENTURES OF MARCO POLO

A magnificent cavalcade of romance, splendour, excitement and fun moved swiftly across the screen of the King's Theatre to-day when Samuel Goldwyn's "The Adventures of Marco Polo" is shown.

The production offers Gary Cooper in his most romantic role as the swashbuckling adventurer who was the world's first travelling salesman, and opened the first important trade route between Europe and Asia during the colourful reign of the great Chinese Emperor, Kublai Khan, fighting and loving as he went.

The picture also introduces Sigrid Gurie, the Norwegian beauty discovered by Goldwyn, who has completely captivated audiences with her rare loveliness, charm and ability.

Botanical Gardens, 11.45 a.m.; Y.M.C.A. Contract Bridge Class, (Women's Section) 10 a.m.; Claims against the Estate of Kiam Chan-she, otherwise Chan Chit, of Shanghai, due; Moon—IX Moon, 20th Day; Sport—(See Page 10); Sunrise—4.33 a.m.; Sunset—5.42 p.m.

Tides.—High at 11.24 and 22.20; Low at 0.57 and 15.55.

TO-MORROW
Moon—IX Moon, 21st Day; Sunrise—4.32 a.m.; Sunset—5.42 p.m.

Tides.—High at 10.30 and 21.97; Low at 04.10 and 15.23.

Today's Screenings

Hongkong

KING'S:
"The Adventures Of Marco Polo"

QUEEN'S:
"Carefree"

ORIENTAL:
"The Life Of Emile Zola"

Kowloon

ALHAMBRA:
"Carefree"

STAR:
"A Yank At Oxford"

MAJESTIC:
"Woman Chases Man"

Coming

QUEEN'S:
"Prison Break"

ORIENTAL:
"Her Jungle Love"

ALHAMBRA:
"King Kong"

STAR:
"Smilin' Through"

MAJESTIC:
"The Goldwyn Follies"

ROGERS-ASTAIRE TOGETHER AGAIN

After appearing separately in other pictures for a year and a half, Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire are together again in "Carefree", which comes to the Queen's and Alhambra Theatres to-day.

The pair has become to be accepted by the Hongkong cinema-going public as a "must" on their favourites list, and a Rogers-Astaire picture is certainly an eagerly awaited event.

The new film has all the ingredients which made their previous appearances so successful, with the addition of several new dance numbers to music by Irving Berlin.

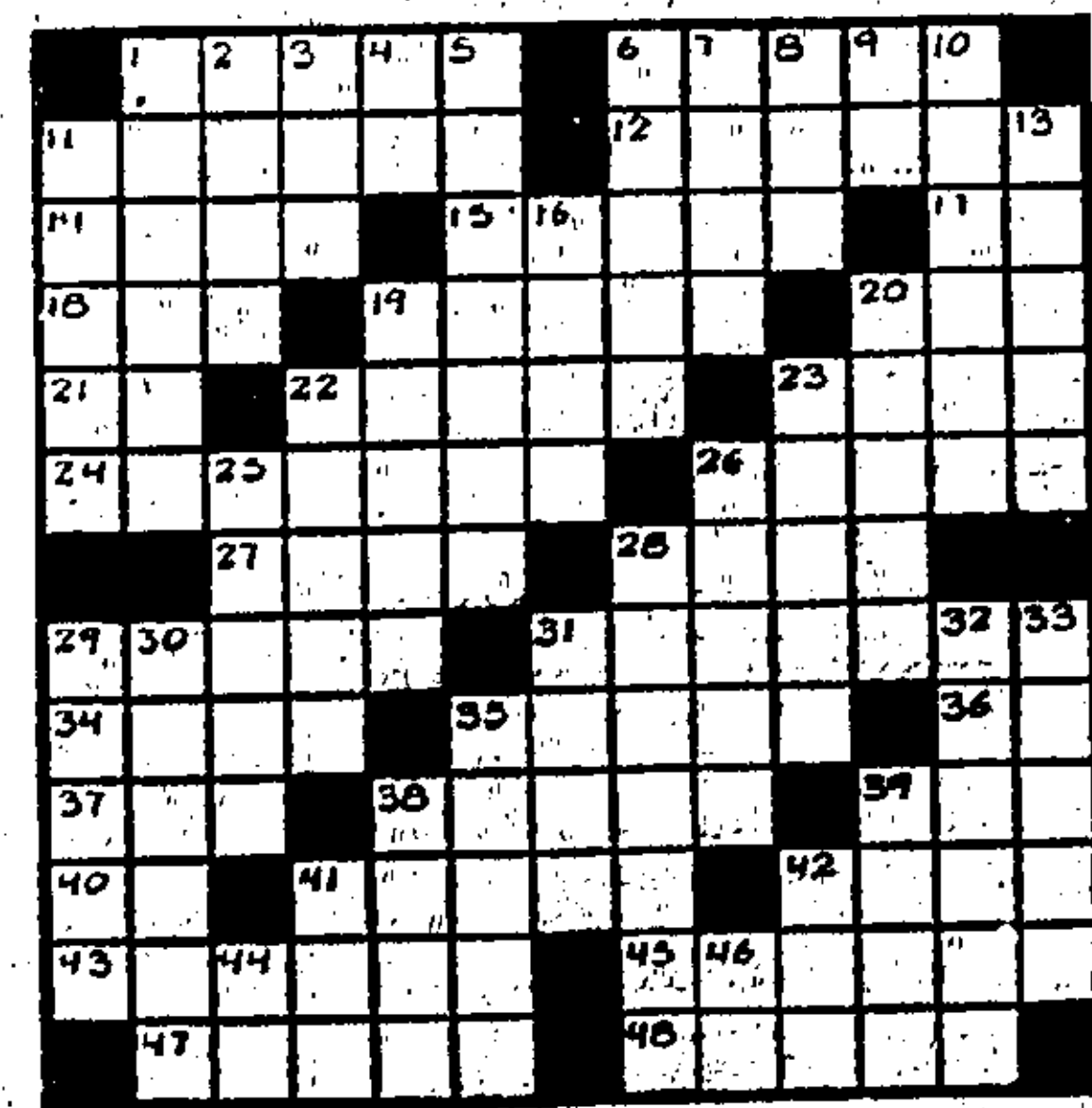
The "Yan" number, which promises to be very popular, is one of the highlights of the picture; while the Dream Dance is a gorgeously imaginative routine in a woodland setting which is at the same time a startling novelty, photographed as it is with the slow motion camera.

QUINS' OPERATION SUCCESSFUL

Callander, Ontario, Nov. 10.
The Dionne quintuplets were successfully operated on yesterday for the removal of tonsils and adenoids.—Reuter.

CROSSWORD NO. 157

- ACROSS
- Deadly
 - Having little depth
 - Legislative body
 - Labourer
 - Again
 - Coral island
 - Musical note
 - Illuminated
 - Worship
 - Metal
 - Symbol for
 - Glance with eyes half shut
 - Tallies
 - amphibian
 - Trapping
 - Musical instrument
 - Large marine fish
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SOLUTION TO-MORROW

MARCO POLO FINDS ADVENTURE



Gary Cooper and Sigrid Gurie, who play the principal parts in "The Adventures of Marco Polo," now showing at the King's Theatre.

WUHAN SONGSTERS TO BROADCAST TO-NIGHT

ALL INDIA WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

The thirteenth session of the All India Women's Conference will be held at Delhi from Dec. 26 to 31 and preparations in this connection are being made by the local branch of the Conference.

An exhibition is also being organised in this connection and will be held at the same time. Sub-Committees have been formed for collection of funds and enrolment of members of the Reception Committee. Mrs. Asa Ail, Secretary, Delhi Women's League, is in charge of the preliminary work in connection with the Conference.

HONGKONG NAZIS CELEBRATE

The Munich Putsch of 1923 was celebrated by local Germans at the German Club on Wednesday evening when Herr M. Hess, secretary of local Nazis, was host at a "One-Pot Meal."

Guests included the Italian Consul-General, Marchese G. Pagano di Melito, the Italian Fascist secretary, Signor Scarpa, and the well-known sculptor, Cavaliere Monti.

A bust of the German Chancellor, the work of Cavaliere Monti, was unveiled in the course of the evening.

Music lovers will have an opportunity of hearing the gallant band of young Chinese, the Wuhan Songsters, through the co-operation of station ZEK, from 8 to 8.45 p.m. to-day. They will sing songs from their extensive repertoire which have been thrilling crowded houses wherever they have appeared.

On Tuesday next the members of the choir will be the guests of the Rotary Club at the regular weekly tiffin in the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel. They have a full programme of activities before they leave the Colony on the first leg of their tour abroad.

The Wuhan Songsters state that their first task is service. They have adopted the policy to give concerts in the places which they visit for the benefit of the local organizations which are engaged in war relief work for China. This group of ardent young patriots evoke enthusiasm among their countrymen for the victory of China.

They have reduced their own expenses to the utmost minimum, which is an incredibly small sum. They are lodging in St. Mary's Church Hall, by kind permission of the Church authorities. Their board works out at the tiny sum of 11 cents per person per meal.

PUBLIC SERVICE

In addition to boarding us at such a low sum the caterer, a Cantonese, has given \$5 as a donation to the collection in aid of refugee children which was taken in connection with the recital we gave at the Queen's Theatre," said the director of the group.

The greatest item of expenditure of the Wuhan Songsters will be the travelling. It is to be hoped that the public and patriotic service which they are doing for China will be recognised by the more prosperous of their fellow-countrymen, and that it will be possible for them to carry the songs of Young China for victory to as many lands as possible.

RECEIVED AT THE PALACE

London, Nov. 10.
At Buckingham Palace yesterday, the King received in audience Sir Roger Backhouse on his appointment as First Sea Lord, Sir Sidney Waterlow, His Majesty's Minister in Athens, and General Sir Charles Harrington on relinquishing his appointment as Governor of Gibraltar.

The Queen received the recently appointed Japanese Ambassador Mr. Shigenatsu.

Their Majesties attended the Royal Command performance at the Coliseum last night in aid of the Variety Artists Benevolent Fund. Every seat was sold many days ago, and the vast audience gave an enthusiastic reception to their Majesties.—British Wireless.

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MUNICH RESULT ENCOURAGES HOPES FOR EUROPEAN PEACE

Chamberlain Restates Policy At Guildhall

London, November 10.

The Prime Minister was singled out for an extraordinary demonstration of enthusiasm at the banquet in the Guildhall last night, which retained all its customary brilliance. When Mr. Neville Chamberlain entered the building, all present, including foreign diplomats, rose and cheered, and later when he rose to speak after dinner the ovation lasted several minutes.

VON RATH SUCCUMBS TO WOUND

Paris, Nov. 10.

Herr Ernst von Rath, Secretary of the German Embassy in Paris, who was shot on Monday, died at 4.30 p.m. yesterday. He was unconscious towards the end.

Dr. Brandt, Herr Hitler's personal physician, and Professor Magnus Magnus of Munich had hurried to Paris in an effort to save the diplomat's life.—Reuter.

The Premier said that he interpreted the demonstration as expressing the spirit of England—thankful that it had been spared the ordeal which came so close but ready now to answer any call which the country might make in order that they may face the future with equanimity.

Mr. Chamberlain said that he would like to get rid of the idea that there had been a clash at Munich between different systems of government and that the result was victory on one side or another.

ENCOURAGING THOUGHT

The fact was, he said, that four Powers had been able to sit down and agree, without quarrelling, upon the main outlines of a settlement of one of the most thorny and dangerous problems of our time, encouraged the thought that such powers may agree on other things as well—not only in the prevention of disasters but also in creating happiness and prosperity by mutual aid.

"I want this government to be altogether for peace," said Mr. Chamberlain. "That does not mean to undertake the role of a world policeman, but if we see peace threatened to use all our influence to save it, and if war starts to take any opportunity to stop it."

HEIGHT OF FOLLY

"The business of piling up armaments is the height of human folly," continued the Premier. "For the time being, I regard it as inevitable, but only as a temporary accompaniment to the other part of the policy to which I am turning all my energies without qualification or misgiving, that is, the policy of understanding and goodwill."

"Such aims require untiring patience in face of misunderstanding, criticism and disappointment."

"In my judgment, after the September disturbances, political conditions in Europe are settling down to quieter times, and I see no reason why we should not prepare ourselves for a festive Christmas season in a spirit of cheerfulness and confidence."—Reuter.

Jews Deplore Report

INSIST ON BALFOUR DECLARATION

London, Nov. 10.

In the course of a preliminary statement on the Palestine Commission's report, the Jewish Agency says that having broken up the existing national home, the Commission proceeds to abolish the Balfour Declaration and the Jewish national home provisions of the mandate, as far as the 1920th of western Palestine is concerned.

The Agency declares that there can be no question of the report serving as a basis for negotiations between Jews and Arabs, or between the Jewish Agency and the British Government.

After stating that the neighbouring Arab states have no special status regarding Palestine, the statement concludes:

"The Agency can be a party to further discussions on the basis of the Balfour Declaration and Mandate."

ARAB REACTION

Arab reaction to the Commission's report is given by Izzat Tannous, Director of the Arab Centre, representing the Arab cause in London who declared in an interview that he welcomed the abandonment of the idea of partition, and the decision that all Arab countries shall have a voice in safeguarding the future of Palestine, but he regretted absence of the recognition of the natural rights of Arabs to govern their national land. Moreover, no Arab will participate in negotiations from which any of the responsible leaders are excluded.—Reuter.

PERSONA NON GRATA

London, Nov. 10.

The selection of the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem as the Palestinian Arab representative on the proposed conference here on Palestine will be unacceptable to the British Government.

At the same time, the Government is anxious that there should be adequate representation of Palestinian Arabs. Pending information as to the practicability of the conference, no decision will be taken regarding the choice of a president, who will possibly be the Prime Minister, but if this is inconvenient, the Dominions and Colonial Secretary, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, will preside.—Reuter.

LORD ROTHERMERE IN HUNGARY

DECORATED BY REGENT

Budapest, Nov. 10.

Lord Rothermere, British newspaper magnate and proprietor of the "Daily Mail," "Daily Mirror," and other papers, was yesterday decorated here by the Regent, Admiral von Horthy, with the Order of Merit, First Class. He was later seated at a banquet by the Premier, Dr. von Imre.—Transocean.

BRITISH SOLDIERS KILLED

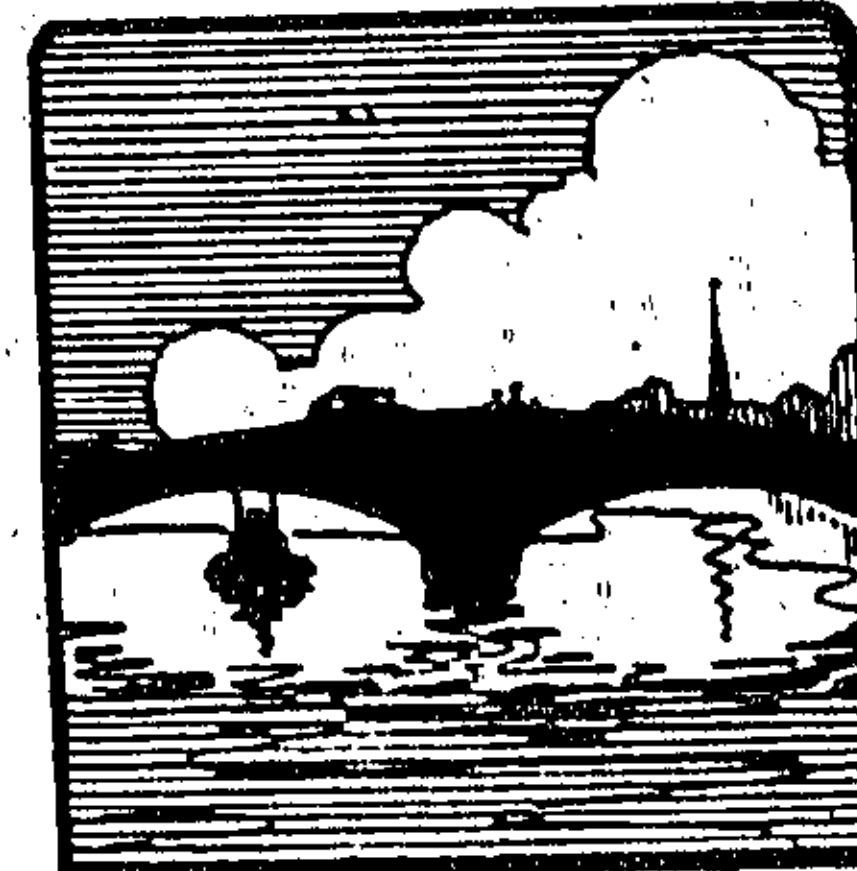
Jerusalem, Nov. 10.

Two British soldiers were killed yesterday and several seriously wounded in clashes near this city.

Firing occurred near the town of Kalkileh and another clash occurred at Irtah, near Tulkarem, where British troops had surrounded an Arab band in a village. Both sides suffered heavy losses.

Military operations are much hindered by rains.—Transocean.

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CONSERVATIVE CONFERENCE CANCELLED

London, Nov. 10.

The Conservative Party conference, which was to have been held on October 6 and 7 and was postponed on account of the crisis, has now been cancelled.

The executive committee of the National Union of Conservative and Unionist Associations yesterday accepted an invitation to hold next year's conference at Newcastle-on-Tyne on October 5 and 6.—British Wireless.

REFUGEES FROM SUDETEN AREAS

Prague, Nov. 10.

A census carried out by the Czech authorities of refugees from the ceded Sudeten areas shows a total of 92,000 persons, of whom 73,000 are Czechs, 11,000 are Germans and 8,785 are Jews. Only 154 declared themselves to be Poles.

The majority of the fugitives are staying with friends or relatives, and only 5,500 persons are quartered in 32 fugitive camps that have been established by the authorities.—Tarnsocean.

HONGKONG DONATIONS ACKNOWLEDGED

Chungking, Nov. 10.

The Executive Yuan has sent a telegram to Hongkong, acknowledging the receipt of \$300,000 and many gold, silver and jade articles donated by the Chinese in support of the patriotic drive sponsored by vegetable hawkers in the British Colony recently.

The telegram pays a glowing tribute to the patriotism of the donors and sponsors.—Central News.

WOMEN'S PAGE

AT THE RACES



Snapshot taken at the Tenth Extra Race meeting. (Photo by Leica).

To-night's Cabaret

There is a wonderful treat in store for supporters of the Cabaret Dinner Dance in aid of the Hongkong Benevolent Society and Earl Haig's Fund at "The Grippe" to-night.

Noreen Jordan, a professional dancer of talent, will perform an Irish jig and a Russian Princess dance. Suzette Compton will tap-dance her way straight to your hearts, and Suzette Compton and the clever local dancer, Peter Randolph, will do a spirited Tango (arranged by George Goncharoff).

Then come Rosemary Gambler and Wilmet Lee in that popular old favourite "Strawberry Fair," and as the crowning event of a superlative evening a "Grand Surprise!"

The "Hongkong Hotel Dance Band and The Hongkong Hotel Tango Orchestra will both be playing, so there will be no pauses and everybody will have plenty of dancing as well as first-class entertainment.

Come and join the revels, and at the same time do a good turn to two deserving causes.—D.E.H.

QUIET WEDDING AT CATHEDRAL

Bride Arrived In New Liner

CONNOR-ANDREW

A very quiet wedding, which was witnessed only by intimate friends, was that of Mr. R. Connor and Miss B. Andrew, which took place at St. John's Cathedral yesterday afternoon.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. E. R. Andrew of Suffolk, England, and arrived in the Colony only on Wednesday by the s.s. Canton. Mr. Connor, the son of the Rev. and Mrs. R. W. L. Connor of Suffolk, is connected with the Asiatic Petroleum Company, Ltd.

After the church ceremony, a reception was held in the Jacobean Room of the Hongkong Hotel at which the health of the newly-married couple was toasted.

After their honeymoon, which is being spent at Repulse Bay, Mr. and Mrs. Connor will proceed to Manila, to which city Mr. Connor has been transferred.

SHU-SHEN

In the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel yesterday the wedding of Mr. C. M. Shu and Miss Shen Mei took place.

Miss Shen is the daughter of the Secretary of the Provincial Government Bank of Kwangtung and was employed in the offices of this organization in the north.

Mr. Shu is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hsu Hshih of Amoy, and manager of the Central Bank of China in that city.

Mr. and Mrs. Shen are proceeding for their honeymoon to Shanghai.

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NEWSETTES

To-morrow being the birthday of Dr. Sun Yat-sen, Chinese flags will decorate the different Chinese buildings of the Colony.

Mr. W. L. Bond, of the China National Aviation Corporation, arrived here from Indo-China yesterday.

Six cases of dysentery and three cases each of cholera and enteric fever were notified in the Colony on Wednesday.

Mr. Horace Kadoorie, who came to the Colony for the wedding of his brother, Mr. Lawrence Kadoorie, returns to Shanghai, by the Empress of Japan, to-day.

On Monday at 5.30 p.m. there will be a meeting of the Directors of the Hongkong Rotary Club in the Jacobean Room of the Hongkong Hotel.

The Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North, Secretary for Chinese Affairs, will leave the Colony on Monday on board the s.s. "Taping on Home leave."

The Hongkong Singers will give an Armistice Day recital at St. John's Cathedral at 8.15 p.m. to-day. His Excellency the Governor and Lady Northcote will attend.

To-day being the birthday of the King of Italy, a reception will be held between 12.30 and 1.30 p.m. on board the m.v. Victoria, by the Italian Consul-General in Hongkong.

General F. A. Sutton, former Military Adviser to Marshal Chang Tso-lin, the Manchurian warlord, was entertained to lunch by His Excellency the Governor at Government House yesterday.

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology alumni held their fourth monthly dinner at the Chinese Merchants Club yesterday evening. Hosts at the function were Mr. Z. Lee, of the Fu Hui Trading Co., and Mr. T. B. Tsang, of the China Timber Industrial Co.

Mr. A. E. Raworth, of the General Electric Company, and Mrs. Raworth sail for Shanghai to-day in the Empress of Japan.

Mr. Garrod Trevelton, Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor, returns to duty from local leave on Monday.

Miss K. L. Batty-Smith, sister of the Aide-de-Camp to H. E. the Governor, will take up residence at the Helena May Institute on Monday.

Lady Northcote will be at home to members of the Halcyon Club at Government House on Monday at 4 p.m.

Holy Communion will be celebrated at St. John's Cathedral in connection with Armistice Day, at 7 a.m., 7.45 a.m. (in Cantonese) and at 9.45 a.m.

A total of 13,128 cases, were treated by the St. John Ambulance New Territories Medical Benevolent Branch during the month of October. Vaccinations given totalled 296.

The Wuhan Songsters entertained a very large crowd at the Hop Yat Church in Bonham Road last night when they gave an excellent programme. The songsters collected \$193.33 as well as National and Canton currency.

A very successful cocktail party was given by members of the United Services Recreation Club on Wednesday night. There were some 200 guests and everything went off very well, due largely to the energy and efficiency of the Honorary Secretary, Major Robertson.

A debate on the motion, "That the good old days are better than the present," will be held at the European Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, on Monday at 9 p.m. The proposer will be Mr. A. F. Austen, and Mr. J. F. Greenberg will be the opposer.



Mr. R. Connor, and his bride, formerly Miss B. Andrew, photographed after their wedding at St. John's Cathedral yesterday. (Photo, A. A. Kahn).

Variety The Keynote Of Jewellery And Hat Fashion

RED, YELLOW, GREEN OR WHITE GOLD

Precious jewels have always fascinated women, and to-day jewellery reaches a height of variety never before achieved.

A visit to the exhibition of modern jewellery by the Goldsmiths' and Silversmiths' Co. brought home to me the fact that one has only to learn of the different colours of gold now being used for fashionable settings to realise how great is the variety, writes a Home correspondent.

Red, yellow, green and white gold is used for bracelet clips and brooches set with precious stones. Many of the pieces have the heavy, chiselled look of modern silverware; others, notably a coat-of-mail bracelet in gold—are light and supple.

VICTORIAN FAVOURITE

Rubies and topaz, an old Victorian favourite, are most effective stones for setting in these gold jewels. A clip with long gold ribbon streamers is set with rubies and diamonds. A heavy link bracelet is studded with baton-shaped topaz.

Different coloured golds are used alone for contrast in other clips. One in white gold has a long tongue of the red gold, which is much the colour of pale copper. Polished and matt surfaces give added variety. The polished gold is used in preference with gem. Matt gold appears alone in bracelet clips.

Following in the wake of the tiara which made several smaller pieces; the latest diamond tiara, composed of straight studded bars, highest in the centre, is fixed on a wire frame from which it can be removed to make a flat

collar necklace. A separate string of diamonds for the back of the necklace is attached at the sides.

Women will wear many blue stones again this autumn. Zircons and aquamarines are two favourites. I saw here a lovely zircon clip and bracelet—the clip formed like a cluster of grapes and the bracelet composed of flat stones. Their delicate sea-blue colour makes them very suitable to wear with all pastel evening shades.

HIGH-CROWNED EDICT

If variety is the keynote of modern jewellery, so it is, to an equal degree, of to-day's hats. There is no hard-and-fast rule about hats this autumn. Even the high-crowned edict is often waived for those it may not suit.

Tiny doll's hats, haloes for non-Edwardian coiffures, Lord Mayor's Show hats, and lavishly fur-trimmed little models were shown to me in Whiteley's Hat Department. The buyer here caters for every type of face and for every type of purse as well. I saw some extremely good-looking hats here for only 5s. 9d., among them a smart green felt trilby.

Dolls' hats, loaded with fur and tied up with little veils, perch precariously above the right eye and achieve great smartness with upswept coiffures.

Women who have decided that this hair style is not for them will like the halo shapes with a forward movement. One which I saw has a square bonnet-shaped crown, and is in black velvet. For a young girl there is a charming black felt bonnet trimmed with two upstanding birds' wings, one placed flat inside and one outside the bonnet peak.

The Lord Mayor's Show hat is an amusing affair of the "topper" variety in black panne with a high square crown, swathed in a gold-embroidered veil, which ties under the chin, and a large gold buckle in front.

LUCKNOW SIEGE RECALLED IN NEW BOOK

A most interesting feature of Michael Joyce's new book, "ORDEAL AT LUCKNOW," is the curious way in which some of the most original of the material used was discovered.

In November 1936, a talk was broadcast by Mr. A. F. Dashwood with the title "Untimely Arrival at the Siege of Lucknow" which revealed that he was born during the siege, and that he lost his father, a baby brother, and an uncle there.

This talk brought him many letters including one from a Miss Metcalfe who informed him that her father had served with the 32nd. Foot during the siege and had left a narrative which might interest him. It did, and to such an extent that he arranged for the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry (formerly the 32nd Foot) to acquire the original.

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On being taken to prison "he" was unmasked as a masquerader. "Even now I can't believe Michael is a woman," his wife, Betty, said "for he always seemed so manly." "We eloped four years ago and our married life has been very happy."

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and, also some new matter obtained from an interview in 1937 with a survivor of the siege, Miss Lavina Casey, who was wounded in both feet.

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The Report, Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts for the preceding financial year.

To elect a Committee and Officers for the ensuing year.

For the transaction of any other business as laid down in Rule 28.

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Hong Kong, 28th October, 1938.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG.

PROBATE JURISDICTION.

IN THE GOODS of Charles Arthur Lowday Skinner, late of Higher Kingston, Dorchester, in the County of Dorset, Merchant, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 58 of the Probates Ordinance 1897, made an Order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to the 1st day of December, 1938.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 14th day of Nov., 1938, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Ma Tau Chung, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

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PROBLEM OF REFUGEES

Bishop Hall Speaks To Y's Men's Club

The Rt. Rev. Bishop R. O. Hall was the guest speaker at yesterday's affair at the St. Francis Hotel of the "Y" Men's Club of Hongkong. Bishop Hall spoke on "Wisdom in Charity, and the Refugees."

There were present about a score of members and their guests. These latter included Messrs. T. T. Poon, President of the Canton Y.M.C.A., E. H. Lockwood, Secretary of the Canton Y.M.C.A., E. H. Munson, National Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. in China, and Mr. G. G. Helde, Regional Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. in Central China and Resident Secretary of the National Committee of the Y.M.C.A. in Shanghai.

Addressing the Club, Bishop Hall warned them that the refugee problem was only beginning. The numbers of refugees and their need of help before the first harvest next year are likely to develop into a problem so urgent that it will tax the resources of Hongkong and South China to the utmost.

BACK TO WORK

Bishop Hall stressed the importance of preventing people from becoming refugees, and getting them back to work as soon as possible.

He also pleaded for special attention to the needs of the educated class among the refugees. He stressed the fact that the right kind of help now would save these people from destitution in a few months' time.

There were, Bishop Hall said, 11,000 refugees in the camps in Canton who were in need of clothing and bedding and would shortly be in need of food. Mr. G. G. Helde, also called upon to speak, touched upon the refugee problem in Central China, stating that during the coming winter it would be greater than ever before.

Dr. F. I. Tseng proposed the vote of thanks to the speakers.

DENTAL MECHANIC DENIES CHARGE

Kwok Kam-chuen, of No. 111 Queen's Road East, was summoned before Mr. T. J. Houston at the Central Court yesterday for practicing without a certificate.

Mr. J. B. Prentiss, Assistant Crown Solicitor, appeared for the prosecution, while Mr. Peter H. Sin was for the defence.

Defendant denied the charge and said he was a dental mechanic. He stated that he did not perform any operation on teeth but undertook requests for repairing plates, false teeth and gold bridges. He told the Court that he had been working for Dr. H. I. Tsang for six years and previous to that he was employed by Dr. E. Kew.

The prosecution held that the sign board put out on defendant's house led to the belief that defendant was a dentist, while Mr. Sin submitted that the Chinese characters on the boards meant dental course.

Mr. Houston reserved his judgment.

MAINTENANCE CASE DISMISSED

The summons for maintenance brought by Leung Sing-yuk against her husband Lee Sing-on was dismissed by Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Court yesterday.

Mr. J. T. Prior appeared for the defence, while Mr. C. A. Sutherland represented the complainant, who was a tin-fong wife.

At yesterday's hearing Mr. Lo Tung-fan, barrister-at-law in Chinese law, said that before the death of a kit-fat (principal) wife there could not be any tin-fong wife.

In dismissing the summons, Mr. Edwards remarked that there might have been a ceremony in Canton when complainant was married to defendant as a tin-fong wife, but defendant's principal wife was not yet dead. Therefore, the marriage was illegal, according to the Chinese.

HONGKONG WEATHER

Yesterday's temperature for the most part stayed steady at 77 degrees, though it was below 70 in the early morning and was again appreciably cooler at night.

A little rain was recorded, but this only brought the year's total to below 56 inches, compared with an average of just under 83. The weather forecast predicts an improvement in conditions, and rain is not expected during the next 24 hours.

REPORT ON AIR SERVICES

Growing Traffic Revealed

The report on Air Services for 1937 states that the Civil Airport has completed its first full year of work since removal to the western end of the airport.

New air services were inaugurated, notably Pan American Airways from San Francisco operating weekly, started on April 23, and the Eurasia Aviation Corporation inaugurated their thrice weekly run to and from Peking on June 29.

The disturbances in North China caused relocation of the China National Aviation Corporation service to Shanghai which had been running regularly thrice weekly until August, and Eurasia re-organised, their routes of Central China and increased their services to deal with the growing traffic.

China National Aviation Corporation re-commenced operations late in the year with land planes to Central China.

The Far East Flying Training School were fully occupied with both flying and engineering pupils taking the courses; 1,854 hours flying being carried out (an increase of 61 per cent on 1936) and 10 engineering pupils gained Government Certificates on completion of their two year course.

Six officers on the Reserve of The Royal Air Force carried out their annual training with the School.

The Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps annual training was completed.

612 hours flying were carried out under contract to the Army.

WAR BROUGHT NEARER

Mr. Lloyd George And Munich

Mr. Lloyd George spoke on the international situation at a luncheon of Free Church ministers at the City Temple on October 26. The following are points from his speech:

We all shared in the sort of thrill of relief which passed through this country when we realized that we were to be spared, at any rate for some time, the horror and the squalor of war. But that relief is now beginning to be suffused with a sense of shame that we purchased peace at the price of conscience and of honour.

The Sudeten Germans had their grievances.... But all those grievances were fully redressed by the Fourth Draft prepared by Lord Runciman.... Herr Hitler was not out to redress grievances.... What he wanted was to get rid of a democratic and a free country.

We handed it over wrapped in the Union Jack and the Tricolor to a ruthless dictator who will deny freedom to both Czechs and Germans alike. That is exactly what has happened in Austria.

FUTILE PREPARATIONS

Years of fussy, futile, and very expensive preparations for the defence of his country have ended in a muddle.... We were not ready even to defend ourselves, let alone rescue others.

That is our only excuse for not standing up to the dictators, and history will ask but one question over that episode: is incompetence a justification for bad faith?

China, Abyssinia, Spain, Czechoslovakia—we have descended during these years a ladder of dishonour rung by rung. Are we going, can we go, any lower?

If we have peace, what means all this redoubled effort to manufacture the weapons of slaughter? It is that we realize that what has been done, so far from assuring peace, has simply brought the possibility of a terrible war nearer to our doors.

The weaker nations of Europe watch what is happening. They are not going to Paris for help; they are not appealing to Britain for assistance and protection.

They are flocking to Benito-Mussolini to ask the German dictator to protect and defend them. They are there, pleading for mercy. To that extent our leadership is being followed.

King Rocks The Axis

ITALY'S MONARCH IN CRISIS

Unknown to millions, mighty forces were at work behind the recent European crisis. The world has seethed with secret intrigues involving not only politicians and dictators, but monarchs, too.

At the hour of Hitler's greatest triumph, Mussolini faced a crisis of his own. Plucky little King Victor Emmanuel of Italy forsook his studies to stand up to Il Duce. The Berlin-Rome axis rocked as he warned the Fascist leader that he must not mobilise against Britain.

Staunchly refusing to sign the mobilisation orders, Italy's sovereign left the Duce in no doubt that if he defied the Royal ban he would rue the consequences.

NO BLUSTERING

Mussolini dared not take the risk. For once he stepped down from his exalted perch. That is the real reason for Italy's quiescence during the crisis. The King would allow no Fascist blustering at such a crucial moment. Only because world war appeared imminent did King Victor consent to military preparations. More than a million men were put under arms. But it was done secretly, by the monarch's orders, lest Italy be blamed for applying the spark that might have set all Europe ablaze.

SPEED-UP IN NEW LINER

Fitting Out The Queen Elizabeth

Work on the installation of the machinery in the Cunard-White Star liner Queen Elizabeth, is proceeding actively.

The fitting out of the vessel is already six months in advance of the work in the Queen Mary at the time of her launch in 1934. The passenger accommodation in all sections is practically complete.

Woodwork is in and the public rooms are in a more advanced state than has ever been attained in a big ship at a similar stage of development.

Powerful cranes are hoisting into the vessel sections of the boilers and engines, which are being built up by an army of skilled engineers.

The task of furnishing is also proceeding apace. Many miles of curtains, carpets, hangings and floor coverings, and tons of blankets and towels are being installed.

THREE CINEMAS

Amenities and facilities for the passengers include a theatre and three cinemas, an elaborate shopping centre, banks, tourist bureaux and telephone and telegraphic services. Special rooms are to be provided on one of the upper decks, where passengers will be able to make and receive calls to and from any part of the world.

Public rooms in the tourist section include a dining saloon, lounge, smoke-room cocktail bar, gymnasium, swimming pool, library and drawing-room, and there is also a well-equipped nursery for young children. The theatre has been so arranged that it can be used by both tourist and cabin passengers.

Third-class passengers will have a special promenade and sun lounge on the forward end of the main sports deck. A lift will lead to it. Third-class rooms are exceptionally large and well-ventilated, and all will have hot and cold running water.

The Queen Elizabeth will be an all-electric ship. About 4,000 miles of wire and 30,000 lamps are being fitted. All the tasks in the galleys will be performed electrically.

BUNYAN LIBRARY FOR BEDFORD

Sir Walter Langdon-Brown, son of Bunyan's biographer, Dr. John Brown, declared open the Bunyan Library in Bedford Town Hall recently. The library has been given to the town by Dr. Frank Mott Harrison, of Hove, and it includes many rare editions of Bunyan's works.

In his address Sir Walter said that Bunyan could have been released from prison when he liked if he had promised not to preach, but that was not the way men's lives were gained or maintained.

They are flocking to Benito-Mussolini to ask the German dictator to protect and defend them. They are there, pleading for mercy. To that extent our leadership is being followed.

MID-WEEK RIFLE SHOOT IN DIFFICULT WIND

Lt. Pullman, L/Cpl. Rawling Gain Top Score

"POOL BULL" OBTAINED BY LANCE-CORPORAL BULL

THE HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION held the normal mid-week shoot and practice shoot on Wednesday. About 70 members took part in the shoot which was held in very unfavourable weather. During the whole afternoon the wind was exceedingly difficult-changing both in direction and force all the afternoon. At 500 yards it started to rain, but in spite of this C.E.R.A. Atkinson, R.N. managed to score 34 out of a possible 35 at this range.

The top score of 93 was obtained by L/Cpl. Rawling and Lieut. Pullman, both of the Middlesex Regt. During this season both these members have kept up good consistent scores—the former having only just recently taken up the S.R. (b) rifle.

Again the Royal Scots are high up in the score list of the S.R. (a) rifle "as issued." As a Rifle Club the Royal Scots are very keen on this shooting, led each week by Major White who never misses a Wednesday shoot and is always willing to help anyone on the range with advice at any time.

NEW MEMBERS

Two new members came and fired on Wednesday; Major Walden of the Middlesex Regt. and Capt. Sherriff of the R.A.M.C.—we hope in future to see them and other new members on the range each week. Major Murray our Hon. Sec. was on the range, although not actually firing, he watched members competing for the spoons.

As on the last spoon shoot, the Association ran a "Pool Bull" competition on two targets. This "side show" is proving exceedingly popular and it is increasingly difficult to find room enough to fire, as the targets are engaged the whole time. The only member to score a "pool bull" was L/Cpl. Bull, attached to the Middlesex Regt.—most appropriate, living up to his name. He got this bull at 500 yards in a high wind using the S.R. (a) Rifle—yet none of the S.R. (b) Riflemen managed to score.

IN FULL SWING

The "thirty roll" competition is now in full swing; and this year the Association is publishing the scores of competitors to date in the monthly Bulletin, so that members may see at a glance exactly how they stand in the list. During the past two weeks the two Infantry Units stationed in Hongkong have been very hard at work, some of them like the Volunteers at camp. This has to a very great extent cut down numbers attending the mid-week shoots, but the Royal Navy have to a certain degree compensated by sending about 25 members each week.

The Hongkong Rifle Association is purely a Civilian Club, but by far the greater number of members belong to the Services. For this reason alone it would be very pleasing to see more civilians joining the Association and taking part in the weekly Wednesday shoots and also the Sunday meetings held once a month.

The Clubhouse is a modern and comfortable building with all the requirements of the Rifleman. If there should be any civilian who wishes to join or to enquire about membership he should get into touch with Lieut. Pullman Assist. Hon. Sec. Middlesex Regt. who will be pleased to help.

Note: The handicap of each spoon winner has been reduced by one as shown. This applies to S.R. (b) and S.R. (a) scores.

CLAY BIRD COMPETITIONS

The opening meeting of the Gun Club Section was held on October 30 in conjunction with the Rifle shooting at the H.K.R.A. Sunday Shoot. The results of which are as follows:

Winner of 25 Cartridges: open, Single Rise, Lt. Ashby, 17 Kills. Winner of the handicap spoon: Capt. Newton. Winner, Double Rise: Surg. Lt. Macdonald, R.N. Winner, Walking-up: Lt. Ashby.

SUICIDE IN OLD BAILEY CELL

Man Awaiting Sentence

While awaiting sentence at the Old Bailey, Alexandre Ratner, 61, an electrical lamp manufacturer, of Dorland House, Regent-street, S.W., was found in his cell with wounds in his left wrist and neck. He was dead on reaching St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

Ratner, stated to be a Russian, who had lived in England for 24 years, had been found guilty of fraudulently converting to his own use £50 obtained from Mr. Jack Leonard Stone.

When evidence of the discovery was given by a warder, the Recorder, Mr. Gerald Dodson, asked, "It was a determined attack on his life?"

"Yes, sir," replied the warder. The Recorder: "It is a very and ending to the case. Everyone connected with it must feel extremely sorry. During the morning Ratner had been seen by his own behalf."

It was alleged that he had posed as a stockbroker and had converted £50 handed to him for investment by Mr. Stone.

AIR VICE-MARSHAL BABINGTON

Air Vice-Marshal J. T. Babington, C. B. E., D. S. O., who arrived by the m.v. Canton on Wednesday with Mr. R. M. Longmore, R. A. F., will sail in the s. s. Antenor next Wednesday.

An official dinner was given in his honour at Government House last night.

On Sunday, he will visit the Hongkong Volunteers at camp at Fanling and will lunch with Lieut.-Col. H. B. Rose, M. C. and Officers.

On Monday, he will dine with Group Captain A. H. Peck, D. S. O., M. C. and Officers of the Royal Air Force at Kai Tak, and on the following day he will tour the New Territories and dine in the evening with Group Captain and Mrs. Peck.

HOUSING PROBLEM

and, I might say, of the Colony, for the great care which they have taken in dealing with the multifarious problems which are raised in connection with the annual Budget.

GOVERNOR'S SPEECH

His Excellency the Governor said:—

"The Colonial Secretary has replied to all points raised during the debate which are directly relevant to next year's expenditure and I have nothing to add to his answers.

"The Senior Unofficial Member, speaking on behalf of himself and all his colleagues, ended his speech with a plea on behalf of this Colony's trade with South China. I can assure the honourable and learned member that this Government is in full sympathy with what he said on this subject and that I will do all that lies in my power to secure the early resumption of our long-established trade rights in these waters.

HOUSING COMMISSION

"It has been stated that it is feared little can be done to implement the recommendations of the Housing Commission. I am prepared to agree with that comment up to the point of the expenditure of funds because it will be some time before we can reach the point where money in large amounts can be spent economically, but I do not wish it to be inferred that nothing is going to be done next year.

"The Chairman of the Urban Council, to whom I have entrusted this work, has already begun study of the subject and I hope that he and my honourable learned friend, the Attorney-General, whom I am very glad to welcome back in restored health, will soon be able to give us something on the subject."

The housing problem, His Excellency continued, was analogous with the problem of overcrowding, which was the result of more people trying to crowd into premises than the premises could hold economically, and it is from that point that restriction on immigration has to be viewed.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Two other points His Excellency touched on were the necessity of tackling the problem of public health, and the desirability of starting fishery stations in the Colony. Regarding the former, he had requested the Director of Medical Services to investigate schemes for the betterment of conditions. On the latter he had been in correspondence with the Secretary of State.

"I now beg," His Excellency concluded, "to put to the Council the motion, which is that the estimates of expenditure for the year 1939 as now presented be approved."

The Estimates were then passed.

RESOLUTION IN COUNCIL

The Hon. Mr. R. M. Henderson said:—

"At your instruction I rise to move the resolution standing in my name. The resolution is made necessary because of a proposal by the Hongkong Tramways, Ltd., to construct a small extension to their existing track.

Under Section 7 of the Tramway Ordinance No. 10 of 1902, the approval of this Council is required for such an extension, and previous notification is also required to be given in the public press by the Company stating that it is

their intention to apply for such approval.

This public advertisement has been duly given.

The extension in question covers the construction of an additional curve to connect the north tramway track, King's Road, to the existing single track leading to Inland Lots Nos. 4955 and 3546, on a portion of which a new car shed is being erected.

There is no objection from the traffic point of view nor from the Public Works Department, and I therefore move:—

Resolved that the approval of the Governor in Council of permission to the Hongkong Tramways, Limited, to construct one additional curve to connect the north tramway track, King's Road, to the existing single track leading to Inland Lots Nos. 4955 and 3546 as shown in Enclosure 99/2 in C.S.O. 9363/04 and to maintain a tramcar shed on the said Inland Lots in connexion therewith be confirmed.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary seconded the solution which was passed unanimously.

THOSE PRESENT

Those present at the meeting were:—His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote; His Excellency the General Officer Commanding Troops, Major-General A. W. Bartholomew; the Hon. Colonial Secretary (Mr. N. L. Smith); the Hon. Attorney-General, (Mr. C. G. Alabaster); the Hon. Secretary for Chinese Affairs (Mr. R. A. C. North); the Hon. Financial Secretary and Colonial Treasurer (Mr. S. Caine); the Hon. Director of Public Works (Mr. R. M. Henderson); the Hon. Commissioner of Police (Mr. T. H. King); the Hon. Director of Medical Services (Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke); the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., LL.D., the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, the Hon. Mr. T. N. Chau, C.B.E., the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, the Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, the Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada e Castro Jnr., the Hon. Dr. Li Shu-tan, and the Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields.

HIGH HONOUR FOR CHINESE ENVOY

London, Nov. 10

The Athenaeum Club has invited Dr. Quo Tai-qi, the Chinese Ambassador, to become a member for the duration of his Ambassadorship in England. This is an honour, sparingly conferred, of high distinction.

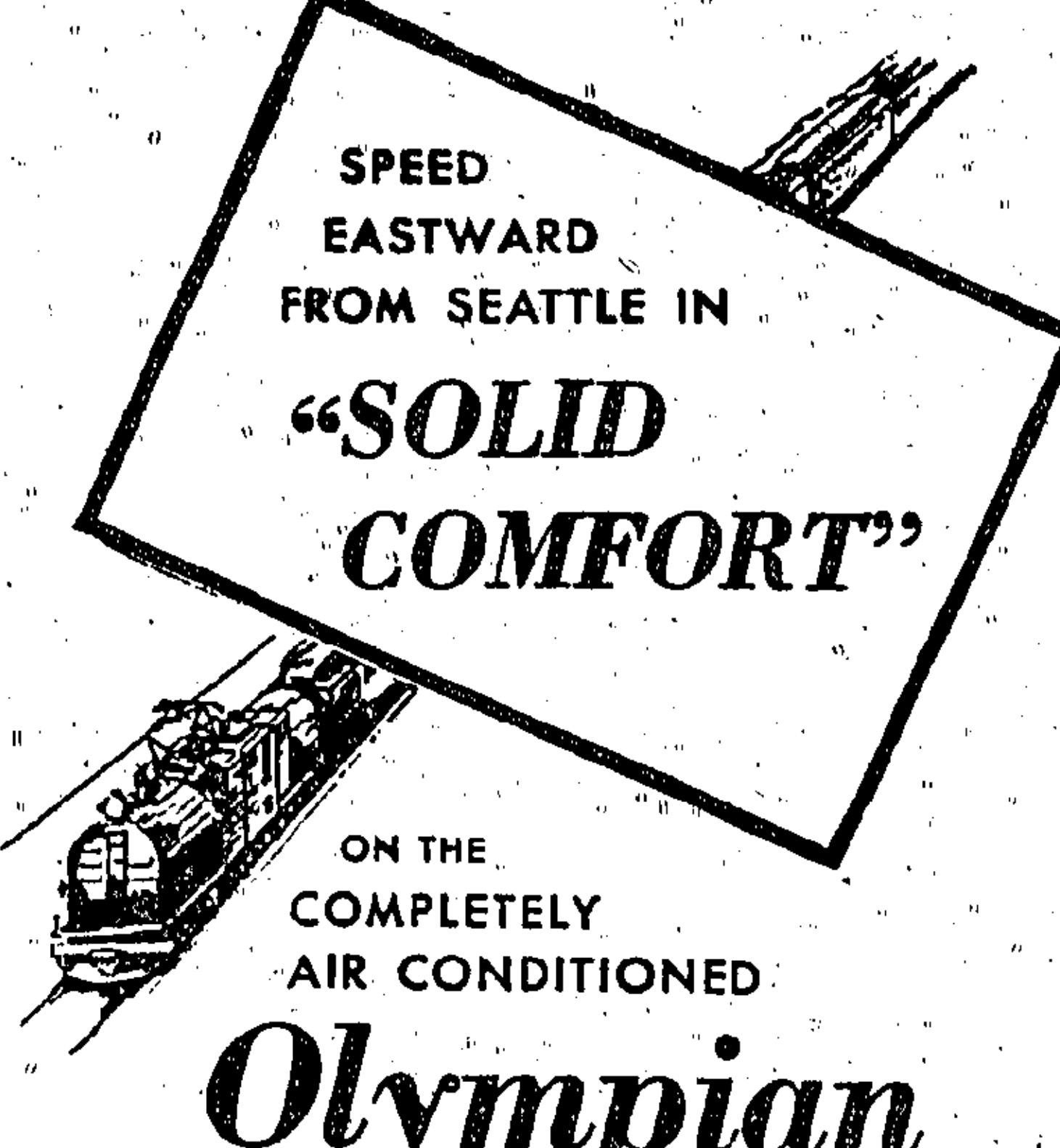
The Chinese Campaign Committee yesterday issued an appeal for funds for a new international hospital to be established in South Shansi. Buildings have already been acquired, and the staff is ready. Only money is needed.

Ten shillings a month maintains a bed adds the appeal, signatories to which include the Dowager Countess of Aberdeen, Lord Radstock, Mr. R. H. Twanney and the Rev. W. I. Wardle, President of the Methodist Conference. —Reuter.

REAR-ADMIRAL HOLT

Hankow, Nov. 9.

Rear-Admiral R. Vesey Holt, Senior Naval Officer (Yangtze) called on General Hata this afternoon. —Reuter.



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THE MILWAUKEE ROAD

New Kunming-Chengtu Air Service Started

Kunming, November 9.

A new air service between Kunming, Chungking and Chengtu on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays, has been started by the Eurasia Aviation Corporation since November 6.

Planes bound for Chengtu leave here at 12.20 p.m. (Shanghai time) reaching Chungking at 3.25 p.m. Continuing the journey from Chungking at 3.50 p.m., the planes are expected to arrive in Chengtu at 5.20 p.m.

Kunming-bound planes leave Chengtu at 8 a.m. and arrive at Chungking at 9.25 a.m. Resuming the flight at Chungking at 10 a.m. they are expected to reach Kunming at 1.10 p.m.

The fare from Kunming to Chungking is \$245 (National currency) and from Chungking to Chengtu \$95.

ATTACK ON COLONEL LINDBERGH

Moscow, Nov. 9.

An attack on Colonel Lindbergh was made by the Soviet Prime Minister, M. Molotov, in a statement published to-day which says, "Japanese and German fascists are greatly misled as regards our fighting quality and now they are spreading numerous tales about the weakness of the Soviet army and aviation using Lindbergh's remarks."

It is understood that Colonel Lindbergh reported unfavourably on the Soviet Air Force to Britain and France when he visited Russia early in the year. —Reuter.

Meanwhile, although there has been no inward or outward cargo for the past fortnight the Customs to-day have been disposing of cargoes held prior to occupation, in the ordinary way. —Reuter.

CANTON CUSTOMS INCIDENT

Mr. Hooper Protests Against Japanese

Representatives of the Japanese navy and military drove up to the Customs House at 1.30 p.m. and found Mr. Hooper, Assistant Commissioner, seated at his desk.

The Japanese informed him that they were taking over control of the Canton Customs from to-day. However, they later departed and had not returned by evening.

Mr. Hooper has protested against the Japanese action and has also referred the whole matter to Shanghai.

Curbing Heroin Traffic

If all these and other approaches fail, it may be necessary to make spitting a nuisance punishable by law as in other countries.

HEALTH SERVICES

(6) Expansion of Health Services, etc.: The foundation of a Chair in Public Health and Preventive Medicine at the University of Hongkong now being considered and the expansion of the Health Division of the Medical Department of Government which has been approved by this Council should go a long way towards solving the various factors concerned in the problem of control of tuberculosis.

I apologise, Sir, for the length of this reply which only touches the fringe of the subject, but I trust that Your Excellency may think it desirable that Honourable Members of Council should be aware of the steps that are being taken to deal with the serious problem referred to in the speech of the Hon. Dr. Li Shu Fan.

COL. SECRETARY'S REPLY

The Hon. Colonial Secretary, said in reply:—"I have listened with great interest to the speeches of Honourable Unofficial Members both on the subject of the 1939 Budget and on the more general subjects of public policy which it is very proper should be mentioned in the course of this debate.

Many of the more technical points have been dealt with by my Honourable Colleagues the Director of Public Works and the Director of Medical Services; and I understand that Your Excellency proposes to deal with the closing words of the Senior Unofficial Member's speech.

It remains therefore for me in closing the debate only to mention a few outstanding questions.

Two members have pointed out the great practical difficulties and also the possibility of constitutional objections which might stand in the way of imposing any restriction on immigration from China to which Your Excellency made a brief reference at the last meeting of this Council, and I can only assure the Council that these are very fully appreciated by the Government.

The points raised by Hon. Mr. T. N. Chau and Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo will be kept very carefully in view should the time come for this question to become practical politics.

TAXATION

The Hon. Mr. Chau has also referred to the proposed enquiry into the general question of taxation. The Committee which is to make this enquiry has not yet even been appointed but I am sure that I can promise that full consideration will be given not only to the well-known local objections to any form of income-tax but also to the necessity of giving the general public every facility for expressing its views on this question which, as Your Excellency has already said, must shortly be of paramount importance.

SURVEY OF PENSIONS

The Honourable Member who represents the Chamber of Commerce has raised two vitally important points. My Honourable Colleague the Financial Secretary has authorized me to say that there is no fundamental objection to the actuarial survey of pensions suggested and it is only a question

of what the expense would be and whether such an expenditure would be justified. A similar survey was, I understand, undertaken for the United Kingdom Civil Service some ten years ago. As regards Mr. Shield's figures it is justifiable to point out that the exchange rate of the dollar in the Estimates for 1929 was 2/-; it is also worth repeating that the new salary scales now being gradually introduced have as one of their chief objects the reduction of the Colony's pension bill. This, however, is not to deny that that bill is a heavy, and in its nature an increasingly heavy, burden on the Colony's finances.

PIER LEASES

As regards the expiration of the Pier leases in 1949 it would not be proper for me to say more on a subject which is at present the subject of correspondence with the Chamber of Commerce than to state that no avoidable delay in deciding this vital question will be permitted.

The Government welcomes the action taken by the Chinese representatives in this Council in regard to the heroin traffic. This is essentially a matter on which public opinion could have much more influence than the ordinary processes of law, and any steps which will mould that public opinion are most gratefully acknowledged by the Government.

As regards the hawkers problem, on which Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo has also spoken, I would say that this question has been deliberately put in the hands of the Urban Council and it would hardly be proper for the Government, without very serious reasons, to impose its views on that body. The Urban Council has a strong Chinese representation and there is little fear of the views of that population being disregarded.

NEW QUEEN'S COLLEGE

The Government sympathises with the aspirations of certain Honourable Members for a new Queen's College. The speech of the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo is almost an admission that the matter is not yet ripe, from an educational point of view, for a decision at the present time; and I can only promise that this important question will receive the earliest possible attention.

LOCAL CANDIDATES

The views of the Honourable Mr. D'Almada on the subject of fuller employment of local candidates in the Government service accord with the policy of the Government. I have not had time to collect statistics but an analysis of the Budget figures, notably in the Medical, Police and Sanitary departments, would clearly indicate the magnitude of this process in recent years.

The Honourable Dr. Li Shu-fan has raised three minor points besides those to which the Honourable the Director of Medical Services has already replied. The subsidies to various charitable institutions were very carefully considered in Select Committee and I have nothing to add to the remarks which I made earlier in the debate. As regards the restrictions on motoring doctors and the preservation of game in the New Territories I can at this stage only promise that these will be examined at an early date.

I cannot close without again thanking my Unofficial Colleagues in the name of the Government

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GOVERNOR'S INTEREST

In saying this, I think it desirable to emphasise the fact that Government is fully alive to the situation. Your Excellency has evinced great personal interest in the problem by visiting many public and private hospitals in Hongkong, by appointing the Hospitals Committee referred to, and by approving of schemes which have resulted in the past six months in over 500 additional beds being made available at Lai Chi Kok and elsewhere (mostly for the care of the indigent sick) and in the provision of a considerable nucleus of the four hundred beds for Hongkong lepers sent to the settlement at Shek Lung.

CHILD MORTALITY

Your Excellency, my friend and colleague, Hon. Dr. Li Shu-fan, has done a public service in inviting attention to the serious loss of child life in these territories.

Dr. Li mentioned that amongst every 1,000 born 327 infants died before attaining the age of one year in 1936. The figure was actually rather more serious, that is to say, 372.

In the following year, the rate rose to 376, nearly one third of all the deaths registered were in respect of infants under one year and in approximately half the total number of all recorded deaths (45 per cent.), the deceased was five years of age or less.

From the figures available for the current year there is every possibility of the loss of life in this age group being still greater.

In considering statistics of this nature, it must, of course, be remembered that an infant mortality rate will go up without any actual deterioration of conditions if birth registration is less complete or if infants and children born outside these territories are brought here and subsequently die in the Colony.

Making due allowances for all such errors, the wastage of child life is a matter of grave moment and one calling for the concerted efforts of all members of the community to assist in combating.

TUBERCULOSIS

Tuberculosis occupied the third (not second) place on the list of diseases causing the greatest number of deaths in 1937. On the other hand, one death in nine was attributable to tuberculosis which caused 4,028 deaths during the year in question.

The honourable member and other members of Council will no doubt be glad to receive an assurance that Government and its Medical Advisers are already giving the question very close consideration.

The problem is being dealt with from various angles, the purpose being to attack the root cause if possible.

(1) Nutrition: Nutrition has a profound effect on the ability of the human body to ward off infection or to confine infection to certain sites if the germ succeeds in entering and implanting itself in the body. Your Excellency fully appreciated this influence and has been pleased to appoint an enlarged Nutrition Research Committee over which I have the honour to preside whose duty will be to ascertain the amount of malnutrition in Hongkong and to devise measures to counter the effects and prevent the occurrence of malnutrition as far as possible.

(2) Housing: As mentioned by my colleague the Hon. Dr. Li Shu Fan, housing is yet another important

factor in the incidence and spread of tuberculosis.

HOUSING PROBLEM

Appreciating this, no doubt, one of Your Excellency's predecessors appointed a Housing Commission in 1935. The Commission has recently presented an illuminating report which is receiving the careful consideration of Government at the moment.

Better housing (especially of the least fortunate) and the prevention of overcrowding will go a long way to reduce the constant menace from tuberculosis. The provision of camps for refugees and destitutes in these territories should contribute, if only in a small measure, to a solution of the problem by lessening congestion.

BETTER WAGES

(3) Improvement in standard of living (wages, etc.): It has been found in other parts of the world that housing alone is not a cure if the persons rehoused are compelled to pay a higher rental or to spend more money in getting to and from their work, since the sum available for food is diminished in direct proportion. Hence, the need for increasing the general standard of living.

Here again the Labour Officer whose early appointment Your Excellency mentioned in your speech in Council on October 13, 1938, should prove of great help. This officer will, no doubt, be in a position to investigate conditions of work, wages, etc., and, later, be able to advise on such questions as minimum wage.

(4) Increasing facilities for the discovery, isolation, education and treatment of cases of tuberculosis:

HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION

I have already referred to the personal interest Your Excellency has shown in hospital accommodation in this Colony. The fact that Your Excellency decided to appoint a Hospitals Committee provides ample grounds for belief that you had doubts as to whether the existing hospitals facilities were adequate to meet the needs of the community.

This Committee has had under consideration the question of special provision being made for the care and treatment of cases of tuberculosis and its findings will be published in due course. Without wishing to commit the Committee in any way, I think it would be fair to mention that my colleagues favour additional accommodation for "open" or infective cases of tuberculosis and the provision of greater facilities for the more intensive treatment of the hopeful earlier cases.

I am not prepared to say at this juncture that the system outlined by my colleague in his speech which is found to be satisfactory in Great Britain and certain other countries, is likely to be the most suitable for Hongkong where other factors have to be taken into account. Due weight will, of course, be accorded to Dr. Li Shu Fan's views and extensive local experience.

EDUCATING THE PUBLIC

(5) Education of the general public: In any campaign against the scourge of tuberculosis, it is very desirable that active propaganda should be carried out amongst the general public. Something is already being done in the way of talks to mothers at welfare centres and by health nurses, midwives, sanitary inspectors, etc., in the homes of the poor.

Furthermore, hygiene is taught in many of the Hongkong schools and efforts are made to get the pupils to apply such lessons in actual practice.

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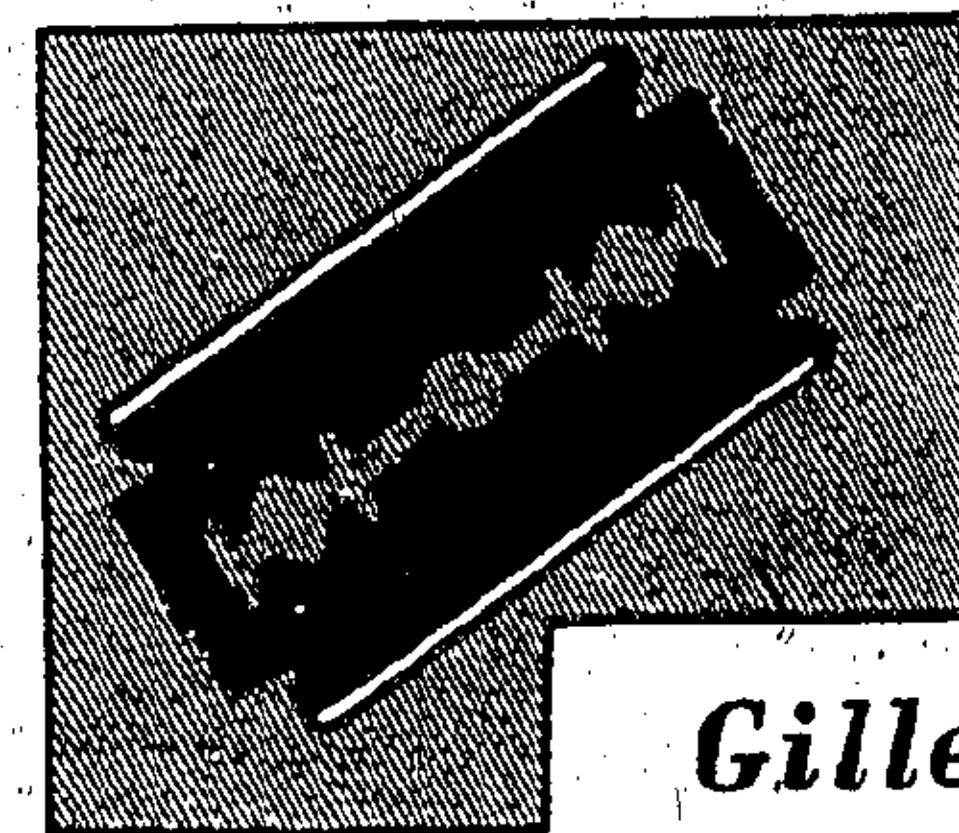
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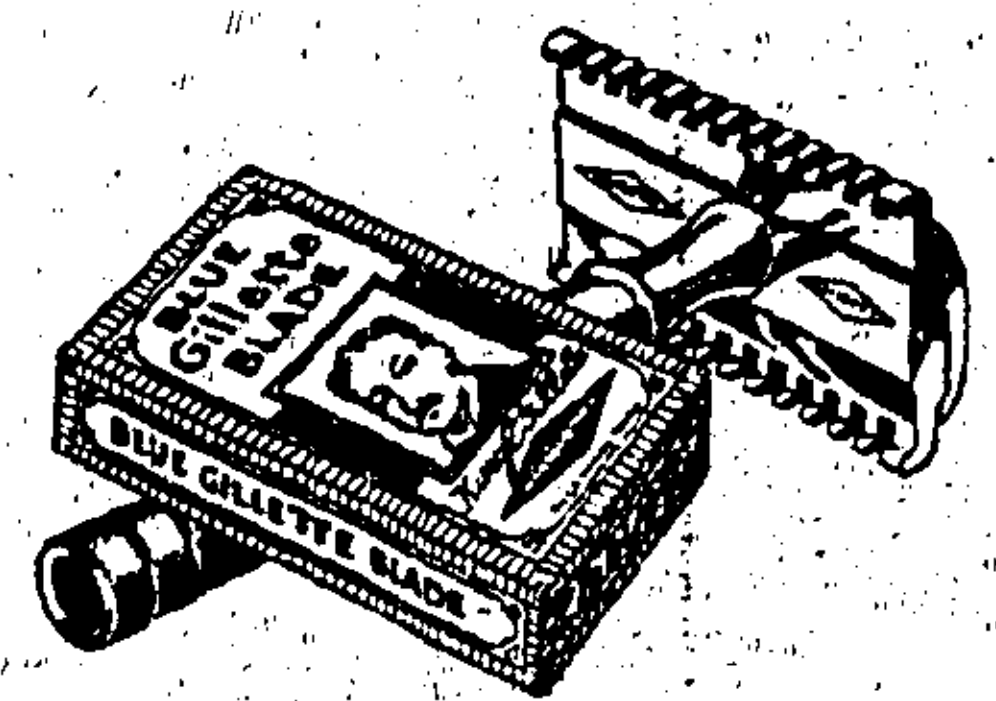
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The Press, both Chinese and European, are most co-operative in helping to get health ideas across to the public in a palatable fashion and the wireless broadcasting system and cinema provide yet other channels.

A great deal could be done by every enlightened member of the community both by example and precept to bring home to the ignorant and thoughtless the danger attendant upon the filthy habit of spitting.

NEW ROAD LIGHTING BY END OF 1939

and the surroundings are better than the city; while borderline cases between the two types can be observed and attended to, at the dispensary.

The medical officer in charge of the dispensary, if possible, should also be in charge of the anti-tuberculosis propaganda. Such propaganda work could be very usefully supplemented by co-operating with existing humanitarian organisations, such as the St. John Ambulance Association, etc., especially in delivering public lectures, distribution of literature, giving health exhibitions and the conducting of anti-tuberculosis campaigns.

There can be little doubt that such measures, when adopted, would be immensely beneficial to the people and should have some effect in mitigating the spread of this disease, which is hitherto practically uncontrolled.

CLOSED ROADS

While I am on the subject of public health, I wish to draw Your Excellency's attention to the peculiar treatment, given to medical practitioners, with reference to certain motor traffic regulations.

The fact is, that a number of smaller roads including Kennedy Road, Hollywood Road, etc., which are open to ambulance and private car traffic, are closed to the medical profession, unless a fee of \$10 is paid for a special permit; and even when such a permit is obtained, it is very exceptional that a doctor is allowed to use more than six roads, despite the fact that a considerable number of roads above this figure, are open to ambulance and private car traffic under special permit.

In the circumstance, whenever a call is made for a doctor to visit a patient residing in any of these roads, a busy doctor may either refuse to attend, or if he accepts, he must be prepared to walk, regardless of weather, to the patient's house from the nearest open road, where he has parked his car.

Because of the inconvenience and the loss of time involved, the practitioner is often obliged to charge an extra fee, which is obviously not to the patients' interest.

AN EXCEPTIONAL PRIVILEGE

I believe that of approximately 100 doctors who own cars, not more than half of the number actually have taken out the special traffic permit, because of the added expense; as the fee of \$10 is not inclusive of the Stamp Duty Fee of \$50, which is paid by every doctor for the privilege to practise—a fee which I understand, is exceptional in the British Empire.

In view of the small number of cars owned by the medical man, as compared with other vehicles, I feel that the question of traffic obstruction should not arise, especially when such smaller roads are closed to ordinary motor traffic, except of course, the cars under special permit.

You will observe, sir, that in granting the medical profession the free use of such smaller roads, the loss in revenue is insignificant. It appears to me that the principle should be, whether a road is safe and feasible to use or not, and if it is, then there is no reason why Government should not facilitate the doctors, in discharging their duty of alleviating suffering and the saving of life.

PRESERVATION OF WILD GAME

With reference to the New Territories, I wish to speak of the necessity of protecting the wild game life there. In most parts of

the British Empire, this work is undertaken by game-wardens. I can see no reason why such an officer should not be appointed, here, whether solely for the purpose, or to act concurrently with other duties, if present funds do not permit of a full-time officer. It must be remembered that the game licence fee had been raised from \$10 to \$25.

For far too long, the preservation of wild game life had been neglected, with the result that this Colony is being steadily deprived of this aspect of the natural attraction.

Moreover, hunting as a recreation now-a-days, is hardly an attraction for the resident or tourist sportsmen, despite the admirable efforts made by the Hongkong Travel Association in advertising the Colony as a resort of many attractions.

In point, I refer to the wholesale trapping of wild birds and animals, both in and out of season, by local villagers and trappers from the other side of the borders. It is by no means uncommon to find feathered game hung up for drying, in the outlying villages, similar to the preserving of dry-ducks. If this promiscuous and systematic destruction is permitted to continue, through the use of what must be thousands of traps, I fear this fair Colony may ultimately be reverted to the days of the "Barren Rock", in respect of wild game life and wild bird sanctuary.

INFUX OF INDUSTRIES

There is a matter connected with industries, which I wish to call Your Excellency's attention to, that is, the recent influx of industries to this Colony due to the present conflict.

Many have viewed this with mixed feelings, perhaps because of the housing shortage. Personally, I regard it as a welcome asset to the future of the Colony. It is only natural that a number will leave at the end of hostilities, yet, I am convinced that a good number will remain, if given the right treatment.

I wish, therefore, to appeal to the Government, in general, and the Urban Council in particular, to give the new comers, every sympathetic consideration under the obviously special circumstances.

Before I conclude, I desire to express a word of appreciation for Your Excellency's able and beneficent administration of the Colony in these unprecedented turbulent times. I am confident that this sentiment is shared by every citizen of this Colony.

I may add that the Chinese Community has every reason to be grateful to Your Excellency, particularly for the proper provision for the refugees, and for the humanitarian work in initiating the Hongkong and South China Branch of the British Fund for the Relief of Distress in China. I fervently hope that this Fund will receive the generous and wide support it deserves.

THE HON. MR. R.M. HENDERSON

The Hon. Mr. R.M. Henderson said:—

Sir,—There are a few questions raised in the speeches of the Honourable Unofficial Members which more particularly concern the Public Works Department, and with your permission I will briefly deal with them.

The Honourable the Senior Unofficial Member has suggested increasing street washing in the Colony in the interests of Public Health. There is considerable

difference of opinion as to the efficiency of the present method of street washing, which has to be done with a minimum of fresh water.

Unfortunately at the present time, owing to the past abnormal rain year, water is at a premium and cannot be spared for additional watering. The matter will be reconsidered when the water situation more nearly approaches normal.

It is agreed that a new Infectious Diseases Hospital, new Kowloon Mortuary and new Volunteer Headquarters are desirable and urgent necessities, and should be provided as soon as funds permit.

The Hon. Mr. T.N. Chau has suggested that Government should open up and prepare new areas for building purposes, and I would point out that in the past this has been done at Shamshui, Kowloon Tsai, Wongneichong and North Point, and that other areas are gradually being formed from spoil from general development.

Regarding the New Territories there is already very considerable development at Tsun Wan, which is rapidly becoming an industrial centre.

FREE SUPPLIES

The Hon. Mr. M.K. Lo has quoted figures to show an excessive loss of water in the distribution system of the Colony, but in making his calculation he has not made sufficient allowance for the free supplies to Government Buildings, Street Fountains, Street Washing, Fire Fighting, Charitable Institutions, etc. From careful calculations made over the whole of 1937 it is computed that in Hongkong and Kowloon respectively 73.3 per cent and 73.7 per cent of the total consumption has been accounted for—a by no means unsatisfactory result considering the age of a large portion of the Hongkong distribution system and the high pressures carried.

WASTE DETECTION

Waste detection work has to my own personal knowledge been carried out to a greater or lesser degree since 1920, depending on the staff available. It is now considered, however, that, owing to the growth of consumption and extension of the distribution systems, waste detection should be put on a more systematic basis by having staff permanently allotted to it.

So far only a few applications for licences under the new Ordinance have been received from Plumbers, but it is expected that a fairly large number of licences will eventually be issued. It is reasonable to expect that ordinary business competition will be sufficient to prevent undue profiteering. Registration of plumbers is common practice in most large cities.

LAND CHARGES

Regarding the remarks on the high charges for land in Hongkong, I appreciate the desire and necessity for cheap housing for the community, and for keeping total building costs down to a minimum, but would point out that at present land is auctioned, for what it will fetch in the open market, and that at the present time it is usually knocked down for a higher price than the reserve placed on it by Government.

It would appear, therefore, that the public place a higher value on the land than Government. Should artificially low prices be placed on land by Government then restrictive covenants would be re-

quired on the types of buildings and the profits to be earned from them—conditions which it would obviously be impossible for Government to enforce.

There is always a very considerable time lag in housing construction, as during slump periods building ceases while in boom periods everyone wants to build. I think this is borne out by the fact that in Hongkong in 1934 and 1935 property was almost unsaleable, whereas to-day every house is fully occupied.

DELAYS INEVITABLE

Regarding the alleged delay in having land put up for auction and in the passing of plans, I would point out that what appears to the public a very simple process is not necessarily so, and that before any land can be gazetted as for sale many departments have to be consulted and delays are inevitable.

As regards the passing of plans it must be remembered that we are at the moment experiencing a mild building boom, whereas little over a year ago comparatively little new construction was under way.

It is not economically possible to arrange staff according to these rapid fluctuations, and some delay during busy periods must be expected, particularly in the summer when staff is depleted owing to leave. I am, however, always ready to investigate any specific complaints.

In answer to the Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada e Castro, the new lighting in Salisbury and Nathan Roads will be completed early in 1939, when the possibility of further improving the general lighting in Kowloon can be investigated.

The difficulties of dealing at present with the drainage problems in Ho Mun Tin area have already been dealt with in the Urban Council, since when the situation has not changed.

THE HON. DR. P.S. SELWYN-CLARK

The Hon. Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clark, Director of Medical and Sanitary Services said:—

Your Excellency—May I have your permission to acknowledge gratefully the kindly but unmerited references contained in the speech of my honourable friends and to record my sincere appreciation of the unstinted and valuable help which I have received from Mr. M. K. Lo and Mr. T. N. Chau and the remaining Chinese members of Executive and Legislative Councils?

I regret my inability to give a categorical answer to the question put by Mr. Lo on the subject of free hospital beds, for the reason that it is not the policy of the Medical Department to refuse admission to Government hospitals to persons who are, in other respects, suitable but who are not in a position to pay the fees laid down.

In actual fact, a little over a third of the in-patients in Government hospitals in 1937 were treated free.

It would be improper for me to anticipate the findings of the Hospitals Committee appointed by Your Excellency. At the same time, I think that my colleagues on the Committee would agree that the evidence collated to date affords overwhelming support to the feeling in Mr. Lo's mind that the need exists for augmenting the accommodation

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defined policy of exclusion or repatriation applicable to only those who have no residential qualification and no means of support, and who cannot be absorbed in the available labour market. But even such a policy presents serious difficulties and may involve grave objections.

At this stage I need only say that I feel sure that Your Excellency will afford the Chinese a proper opportunity of considering any such proposal in a concrete form, and of making representations thereon, before it is to be carried into effect.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY.

Your Excellency pointed out the "big increases in the fields of public health and public safety, including defence," and observed that "much of that increased expenditure must be looked upon not only as permanent, but also indicative of greater demands of the same nature in the future."

As regards public safety we can only accept the inevitable with the hope and prayer that in time to come—and may it come before it is too late!—our financial burden of defence may be considerably eased, upon the restoration of sanity to all aggressive nations and the realization by all of the futility, cruelty and barbarity of war. In the meantime we pay because we must.

HEALTH AND HYGIENE

But in regard to public health and hygiene, the Colony pays without any feeling of frustration, for the value, and, indeed, the necessity of a sound and progressive public health administration, aiming at the prevention and cure of human ills, is increasingly appreciated by all.

If I have any uncomfortable feeling regarding Hongkong's hospital facilities it is that the really poor, the "free patients," are still inadequately provided for.

A statement showing available free beds in Government Hospitals, and the ratio between such free beds and paying beds, will clarify the position. And I await with deep interest the report of the Committee on the hospitalization system recently appointed by Your Excellency.

I am sorry to say that malaria, which seems to be a preventable disease, is still prevalent in Hongkong, and exacting its toll of illnesses and deaths.

But I do feel that the Colony is singularly fortunate in having as the Head of this important department of Government my Honourable friend Dr. Selwyn-Clarke, whose knowledge, energy, initiative and courtesy, and whose deep concern for the poor, have deeply impressed all who have been privileged to come into contact with him. He will, I have no doubt, see to it that the Colony gets the utmost value out of every dollar which the Colony can afford on public health and medical services.

HEROIN

The Chinese are very grateful to Your Excellency for expressing in such clear and impressive language our horror and detestation of the heroin traffic. As you know, Sir, the Chinese leaders have done what they could to mobilise public opinion against what Your Excellency has so aptly described as "this man-killing industry."

Since Your Excellency's inspiring message my Chinese colleagues and I have appealed to the recently formed Chinese Reporters' As-

sociation for their assistance by launching a persistent campaign in the Chinese Press, with leaders and slogans, and I am happy to inform Your Excellency that the Association has readily responded to our request.

I desire to acknowledge our appreciation of the public-spirited assistance rendered by the Chinese Press in this matter.

EDUCATION

When, in 1936, I had the honour to participate in the first Budget Debate in this Council, I expressed the view that "there is something wrong with the educational policy of the Colony," and that "a Government announcement as to its educational policy would have been welcome."

I then ventured the view that the provision of primary education by Government had been totally inadequate, and I was able to quote in support of my views the high authority of Mr. Burney. In July the report of the committee on the training of teachers was published, and I am glad to find in the very interesting and able majority report that it is the view of the six out of the seven members of the committee that Government should undertake greater responsibility for primary vernacular education.

I confess that I found it a little difficult to follow the minority report, but I console myself with the thought that my difficulty might have been caused by the omission from that report of detailed reasons for differing from the majority's recommendations—an omission which obviously rendered it difficult for a layman like myself to appreciate the reasons for such differences of opinion.

It was therefore with much gratification that I listened to Your Excellency's observations on the Committee's report. I am glad that, by Your Excellency's direction, some provision in the Estimates for implementing the Report was referred to, and passed by, the Select Committee.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE

The Senior Unofficial Member has placed on record our view that a new Queen's College is one of the public works which it is desirable should be undertaken in the near future if funds permit. In this connection I would like to point out that the present building, having stood the elements for half a century, has long passed its economic life, and that it is situated in surroundings which have become quite unsuitable for a school of this nature.

When I protested in Select Committee against Queen's College's exclusion from the Five-Year Plan, I understood from the Honourable the Colonial Secretary that the reason for such exclusion was because as yet no agreement as to a suitable new site could be reached.

I understand that one of the sites suggested is in the Pokfulam area. Objections readily come to one's mind against a site so far removed from the centre of the town, having regard to the class of boys for whom the College exists. Such objections may, indeed, be decisive against this particular site. But I hear that all those who have visited it, including many old boys of the College, are enthusiastic about its situation, and are of the opinion that the distance from the town, especially in view of the possibility of limiting the College to certain higher classes, is not a serious objection and, in any case, that the objection

is not of such a serious nature as to outweigh the advantages of the ideal surroundings afforded by the site.

However this may be I venture to hope that a site acceptable to all interested parties will be soon found, so that a commencement may be made of a new Queen's which shall be worthy of the Colony as the premier secondary Government School, with its unique historical traditions, and its proud record of having produced so many worthy sons distinguished for their public service both to the Colony and to China.

HAWKER PROBLEM

Your Excellency stated that this problem was still to be solved, and that its solution might have to await the restoration of peace to China. In these circumstances I realise that this is not the occasion for any lengthy argument on the subject. But in view of Your Excellency's observation "but the fact must not be forgotten that the practice of food-hawking endangers public health and is a sign of backward administration," I desire most respectfully to venture a few remarks.

I unhesitatingly admit that the doctrine that food-hawking in itself constitutes a source of danger to public health is theoretically sound, but I suggest that the question as to whether or not there is any practical risk to health depends on the kind of food hawked, and the circumstances under which it is hawked.

Theoretically, manual contact with bank notes and coins does, I suppose, become a source of infection, and yet the practical risk is not such as to deter people from handling them on that account. Perhaps I may also observe that hawking of certain kinds of food is a prevalent practice even in the Metropolis of England.

NO LICENCE RENEWALS

In March this year I submitted a Memorandum to Government, and as paragraph 20 sets out my views on this aspect of the subject I beg leave to quote it here:—

"20. It should be remembered that people who buy articles from hawkers generally belong to classes of persons who occupy such houses, cubicles, bed-spaces, and in surroundings that the hygienic ideal aimed at by the Urban Council cannot be achieved. What matters that the food is bought from a clean shop if it is cooked, kept and eaten in a place in which dust, dirt and flies etc. abound? The prohibited class 7 contains "congee, tea and cakes, puddings, bean-curd." Is there really substantial danger to public health by the sale of such articles to the particular class of buyers who patronise hawkers? Some 3,871 persons have presumably made their living by the sale of these articles, and there are to be no renewals of the existing licences. What would be the result? Suppose the number is gradually reduced to 2000. If the demand for this class of hawkers can absorb say 4,000 sellers, 2,000 more hawkers will inevitably make their appearance, only of course they will be unlicensed."

I have ventured the above remarks in the hope, Sir, that if and when this problem is tackled, a realistic solution will be found, having regard to the fact that

hawking, properly regulated, does afford to the aged and infirm who have otherwise no means of support and who, by reason of their residential qualification, would be entitled to Poor Law Relief if it were available in Hongkong, an alternative to starvation.

THE HON. MR. LEO D'ALMADA

The Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada said:—

Your Excellency—The very full examination of this Colony's positions, plans and prospects which has taken place in Committee since the presentation of the Budget leaves little to be done except to remind Government of matters requiring its attention in the near future.

First, with regard to Kowloon, the promise of better street-lighting is at last in course of fulfilment so far as Nathan Road is concerned. But improvement must not be allowed to end there. As soon as funds permit other important thoroughfares should be attended to, notably Chatham, Waterloo and Prince Edward Roads.

The Kowloon Mortuary has already been mentioned by the Honourable the Senior Unofficial Member. The site of the present one is no longer suitable and I am told that the building itself leaves much to be desired. The sooner a new one is built, and that in a locality chosen with greater foresight than was shown in the choice of the present one, the better.

The matter of suitable drainage for large areas of Kowloon comes up for discussion regularly in the Urban Council as well as at meetings of the Kowloon Residents Association. It seems that for some time to come, at least, nothing can be done to improve the lot of residents of Ho Mun Tin and other like areas, but it should be the policy of Government in future to provide new districts with facilities for this very essential feature before they are opened for development.

THE NEW TERRITORIES

Nothing could more clearly emphasise the desirability of fostering agriculture in the New Territories than the striking figures mentioned by your Excellency in dealing with Forestry and Agriculture in your speech of October 13, and recent events have made it even more obvious, if that were possible.

The statement, therefore, that the Superintendent of the Botanical and Forestry Department has been instructed to report on the possibilities of development in the New Territories is singularly opportune.

There should be no delay in the matter. With the present rise in prices, the local farmer would naturally be more amenable than heretofore to suggestions with regard to large-scale production of vegetables in lieu of or in addition to rice, and the opportunity must not be missed.

SANITATION

The New Territories have long been neglected, too, in matters of sanitation. It is pleasing to see that this year's Budget provides for the appointment of a health staff for this area. A casual inspection of Tai Po and Shengshui Markets and of Un Long reveals a state of uncleanness disgraceful in a British Colony.

INCREASE OF CRIME

The increase of crime, particularly in Kowloon, has been suggested to me as worthy of mention in this

INQUIRY INTO POLICE ALLEGATIONS

Council. While appreciating that the work and difficulties of the Police have been increased during the last year, it is perhaps not too much to expect that with a readjustment of the Force to its new and more arduous duties this matter will be successfully attacked.

Complaints against the general efficiency of the Force are few and far between, but the public views with much concern the numerous recent cases of police constables being charged with demanding or accepting bribes. Public opinion has always been that this state of affairs is rife in the Colony and there is a widespread belief that gambling houses, sly brothels and those concerned in other illicit transactions pay large tributes to members of the Force in return for immunity from prosecution.

The persistence of this belief leads me to suggest that the time is ripe for a thorough inquiry into the matter and this, I feel certain, would meet with general approval. That such investigations, if properly carried out, do bear fruit, is evidenced by a report in the Hongkong Telegraph of September 20, 1938, under the heading "Detectives Dismissed in Singapore" that "20 per cent of the Colony's detective force have been dismissed following investigations into allegations of corruption in connection with large-scale gambling."

PENSIONS AND PASSAGES

One other matter, Pensions and the necessity for providing for passages and leaves of Government personnel constitute an ever-increasing burden upon this Colony, a burden which could be substantially lightened in the course of years by the filling of vacancies with locally-engaged men.

I am aware that this policy has been advocated more than once in the past, but it has never been adopted on a scale nearly commensurate with its advantages.

Whatever might have been the reason for this in the past, none exist to-day. There can be no suggestion that Hongkong, with its expensive system of primary education and its University, does not provide a supply of men suitable for employment in all but the highest offices in Government.

It was gratifying to receive in Committee from the Head of one Department the assurance that whenever possible the appointment of local men to vacancies in his Department received his consideration. But some statement from Government with regard to its policy would be welcome.

A further advantage in the large-scale employment of local men is that this would incidentally ensure the expenditure within the colony of a considerable proportion of the sums payable for pensions, whereas with the present system the bulk of the enormous amount paid out in this connection is a drain on Hongkong's resources productive of no return whatsoever.

THE HON. MR. A. L. SHIELDS

The Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields said: Your Excellency.—I would refer to the statement of the Hon. Financial Secretary in his speech introducing the Budget that it is desirable to have an actuarial valuation made of the liability of the Colony for the Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

I am in complete accord with this and would also request Sir,

that Government obtain an actuarial estimate of the annual sums which will be required for Government Pensions during the next ten or fifteen years.

The annual vote for Pensions as shown in the statement attached to the Estimates has increased from \$706,734 in 1929 to \$2,910,000 estimated for 1939. An estimate of the sums required in the future is highly desirable in view of anticipated increased expenditure in other directions.

PIER LEASES

I would also refer to your Excellency's statement in your address to this Council before the presentation of the Budget, viz., "on December 31, 1949, all existing Pier Leases expire and it is not the present intention of Government to renew them."

That statement brought immediate enquiries from members of the Chamber of Commerce which I have the honour to represent and a letter has been addressed to Government giving a resume of the views of interests which will be affected and expressing the opinion of my General Committee that it is essential that Government should define its policy in this matter at the earliest possible moment.

It is not necessary now to go into the questions which have been raised by the statement of Government's intention as regards the renewal of Pier Leases but it is felt that the matter is of supreme importance to the Colony. It is particularly so to shareholders in Companies which depend on their Piers for the running of their business and have large sums invested therein which may be lost if Government should dispossess them.

For this reason Sir, I have addressed you to-day in order to give the question the fullest publicity.

Until Government policy is known there can be little development of existing facilities by private enterprise which has carried on the development of this great seaport since the Colony was founded.

HON. DR. LI SHU-FAN

The Hon. Dr. Li Shu-fan said:—Your Excellency.—I wish to invite your attention to a few matters of general policy, which in my opinion are deserving of Your Excellency's due consideration.

SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

With reference to the subsidy for the Hongkong Society for the Protection of Children, I regret that the Select Committee did not agree to recommend any addition. But, as certain aspects of the case were fully discussed by the Select Committee, I crave leave to commend the case briefly as a whole to Your Excellency's attention.

At the Budget Debate of 1932, three members of this Council pleaded strongly for an increase in grant to the Society, namely from \$5,000 to \$10,000. This year I learn that the Society has applied for an increase to \$15,000.

While no increase has been made, and the grant remaining at \$5,000 to-day, the work of the Society has increased steadily during the succeeding years, the number of cases being 381 in 1932 and 1,539 in 1937. One case does not necessarily mean one child, and the 1,539 cases in the Society's last complete year, involved the welfare of 3,690 children.

NO ENDOWMENT

I understand that the Society has no endowment, and that its efficiency and very existence de-

pend upon the support of the Government and the public.

During the last six complete years of the Society's existence, its income has fallen short of its expenditure by \$15,551, and I learn that a further deficit is expected this year.

As an example of the existing poverty, the Society reports that in 1937, the average monthly income per head in a family relieved by the Society was \$1.80. In September of the present year, the figure has fallen to \$1.20, which includes \$0.92 for Kowloon North. Moreover, in 1937 there were 285 cases assisted by the Society, where the family was without visible means of subsistence.

I feel that such needy work as the Society had done should have some salutary effect in minimising the appalling infantile mortality, infanticide, the dumping of the dead, and not the less important, street begging and illicit hawking, with the consequent overcrowding of the prisons.

According to the statistics of 1936:

- The Infantile Death Rate in Hongkong was 327.42 (as against 59 in Great Britain).
- The number of deaths of Chinese infants under one year was 9,905 and non-Chinese 19.
- Of the 1,091 dead bodies dumped and found in the streets, the majority were infants.

The cogent questions are: In the face of starving children, what will be their fate, if the parents cannot and will not steal, and where else can they look for help, apart from unauthorised begging?

ONLY FOUR CENTRES

I cannot subscribe to the view, that such work as performed by the Society, is better or cheaper, if undertaken by Government. On the contrary, it would add materially to the cost of Government. This is not to say that the responsibility should not be wholly shouldered by the Government. It is only where the Government remains inactive, that the voluntary society enters.

But admirable as the work is, the Society has only four centres from which to operate, while vast areas of the poor, such as Sha-ti-wan, Kowloon City, etc., are left entirely unprotected for.

I am not a pessimist as regards the Colony's future, but the immediate outlook is such, that I fear the children of the poor will be harder hit than ever.

It appears to me that as the Society is non-sectarian and non-partisan, it has a very special and strong case. I feel that unless and until some form of Poor Law Administration is adopted, the increase of the subsidy as applied for, is not unreasonable, in view of the gigantic nature of the undertaking, and the salutary effect it has on the general welfare of the Colony.

PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS

The Hon. The Senior Unofficial Member spoke of the spread of tuberculosis due to the disease-disseminating roads and sidewalks, and the necessity of street washing. With this, I am in complete accord. It is a well-known fact that the germ of tuberculosis is conveyed by dust derived from dried spittle, when blown about by wind and traffic.

Speaking of tuberculosis, I desire to call Your Excellency's attention to the unusual prevalence of this disease in the Colony, and the desirability of adopting proper preventive measures.

Due to a combination of factors peculiar to Hongkong, such as the

situation within the tropics, shortage of housing, the presence of a large number of the poor, and the consequent overcrowding and malnutrition, it is only to be expected that the incidence and death-rate of tuberculosis are higher than usual. There is, however, another factor, which is most important, namely, the almost total absence of proper preventive measures.

HIGH DEATH ROLL

It is estimated that approximately one death in ten in Hongkong is due to tuberculosis, while 40 per cent of all causes of deaths are ascribed to diseases of the lungs and other respiratory passages. The principal cause of death is broncho-pneumonia, while tuberculosis comes second; but a large number of the broncho-pneumonia cases are really tubercular in origin.

According to the 1936 report of the Medical Department, 2,416 persons during that year died of tuberculosis in Hongkong. I believe the number afflicted cannot be less than ten times this number.

The actual number of deaths is, however, appreciably in excess of this figure, owing to a large number of hopeless cases having returned to the country to die according to superstition, in the land of their ancestors, and also amongst members of their families and relatives.

A SAD ASPECT

There is however another sad aspect of the problem, that is, due to its peculiar nature, tuberculosis usually kills after a prolonged illness of months, if not years; it is therefore disastrous economically and otherwise to the average family and particularly to the poor.

Perhaps you will concede, Sir, that the tackling of this grave problem should be made as soon as possible, and that it cannot be indefinitely postponed.

This is the more advisable when we are convinced that Slum Clearance and the solution of the Housing Problem will not be wholly realised, until a good number of years.

While I am convinced that the establishment of a complete organisation for the cure and prevention of tuberculosis including a sanatorium is somewhat expensive at present, yet, there is no reason why less expensive measures should not be initiated as soon as funds permit.

TUBERCULOSIS DISPENSARY

By this, I refer to the establishment in the first instance, of a tuberculosis dispensary for the poor. Such a free dispensary would serve as a centre for diagnosis, advice, treatment and anti-tuberculosis propaganda, as well as a headquarters for the visiting tuberculosis nurses. The duty of such nurses would be, to visit the tuberculosis patients, who are unable to attend the dispensary, at their homes, teaching the family, relatives and friends how to avoid becoming infected, and such useful matters as elementary hygiene, etc.

X-RAY UNIT

As it will be in the nature of a clearing house, the dispensary should have a small X-ray unit, whereby patients may be screened or photographed. The early and therefore amendable type of cases, should be referred to appropriate hospitals for treatment if possible, and the advanced type, which are usually the incurable and infectious cases, should be advised to return to the country, where the air

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UNOFFICIALS GIVE VIEWS ON BUDGET

CHINESE MEMBER URGES MORE BUILDING

Sir Henry Pollock Wants Early Trade Resumption

THE DEBATE ON THE BUDGET FOR 1939 was held yesterday at a meeting of the Legislative Council, presided over by His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, K.C.M.G.

Features of the meeting, otherwise known as "Unofficials' Day" were the lengthy surveys made by the Unofficial Members, who while agreeing in the main with the proposals put forward by the Government, had suggestions to offer in the various phases of Public Works for 1939.

The Senior Chinese member, the Hon. Mr. T. N. Chau, stressed the urgency of building more houses to meet the ever-increasing demand and also expressed the hope that whatever plans the Government may have to increase the revenue, income tax would not be introduced.

The Senior Member, Sir Henry Pollock, urged the British Government to press vigorously for the promptest resumption of trade between this Colony and South China.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY

Hon. Colonial Secretary said:—
On 13th October, 1938, by a Resolution of this Council the draft estimates of expenditure for 1939 were referred to a Select Committee consisting of myself, the Financial Secretary and all unofficial members of this Council. We now present our report in the form of the redrafted print bearing today's date.

After due consideration the Committee deemed it prudent to consider the possibility of a less favourable revenue position than the 1938 figures would in more normal times justify.

The Committee was assured that every item of Special Expenditure in all departments and every item of Public Works, Extraordinary requires independent sanction apart from the general provision offered by the Appropriation Bill. It was also assured that recurrent works, such as maintenance of roads or buildings, can without difficulty be retarded should the financial position in 1939 make this desirable.

ESTIMATES SUBSTANTIALLY SAME

On this understanding the estimates have been left substantially as originally drafted, except for the excision of certain items representing a gross saving of \$798,000. On the other hand certain additions have been made to the original draft estimates, most of them small items erroneously omitted, in the first place, but in two cases more considerable sums, namely \$18,000 for the implementation in part of the recommendations of the Committee on the training of teachers and \$20,000 under Public Works Extraordinary for the adaptation of part of the Victoria Gaol to accommodate remand prisoners and the like, at present housed in Stanley Gaol. Neither of these proposals had been sufficiently advanced when the first draft was prepared for their inclusion in the original print.

ESTIMATED DEFICIT

The estimated deficit, should revenue continue as originally predicted, is thus reduced from \$2,405,435 to \$1,659,898.

The following are the items which have been added:—

Head 9, Education Department	
—Training of Teachers	\$18,000
Head 13, Kowloon Canton	
Assistant Mechanical Engineer	11,200
Head 20, Police Force—Care-taker at Tsun Wan	24
Head 24 (A), Public Works Department—2 Class VIB Clerks	989
Head 26, Royal Observatory—Aerological Investigation, (England)	250
Head 31, Public Works Extraordinary—Alterations to Prisons	20,000
	\$50,463

The following are items on which Excellency's suggestion have been omitted or reduced:—

Head 11(B), Air Services	
Sub-head 12, Control Launch	\$ 90,000
Head 13, Kowloon-Canton Railway	
Sub-head 34, Additional Crossing Station between mile 11 and 11½	41,000
Head 31, Public Works Extraordinary	
Sub-head 4, New Police Station—Stanley	50,000
Sub-head 11, New Dog Kennels, Kennedy Town	20,000
Sub-head 30, Layout of a Government Quarry—Hok On	
(Reduced from \$150,000 to \$75,000)	75,000
Sub-head 37, Kowloon-Canton Road; Improvements to Kowloon-Muk Fu Ferry Section	500,000
Sub-head 45, Rewiring of Government Buildings	
(Reduced from \$22,000 to \$17,000)	5,000
Sub-head 49, Botanical Gardens—Layout of Albany Site	5,000
Sub-head 66, Extension of Reclamation from Jubilee Street Pier to Pottinger Street Pier	
(Reduced from \$150,000 to \$140,000)	10,000
	\$798,000

Report of the Select Committee, have seemed advisable in the different circumstances existing since the Budget was originally framed, but on the whole, if we are to keep the Colony up to date, efficient and competitive amongst the ports of the world, there is very little in the proposed expenditure that it would not be false economy to cut out.

The Committee considered at some length the claims of various charitable organisations for increased subsidies but did not in the circumstances described recommend any additions.

Before sitting down I should like to express my thanks to my unofficial colleagues for their careful and diligent work in Committee. Every Head of Estimates was scrutinised and many Heads of Departments were summoned to attend our meetings. On every hand I was assured of the advantages from the practical point of view of this new method of considering the Colony's annual expenditure.

I wish also to thank Mr. Hawkins for his labours both before and during the final stage. To add anything in praise of the Honorable Financial Secretary would be almost presumptuous on my part.

I now move—"That the Estimates of Expenditure for the year 1939 as now presented be approved."

The Financial Secretary seconded.

THE HON. SIR HENRY POLLOCK

The Hon. Sir Henry Pollock said:—
Your Excellency—As has been customary for many years past, I desire, as Senior Unofficial Member, to make some observations on the Budget for 1939 on behalf of myself and all my Unofficial Colleagues.

What I am about to say, therefore, represents the united views of all the Unofficial Members of this Council.

We thank Your Excellency for the able and comprehensive survey of the future needs of this Colony which you gave in your Budget speech.

We entirely approve of the new procedure in connection with the Budget which has enabled the Unofficial Members, through the appointment of the Select Committee, to discuss thoroughly the Budget with the Head of the various departments before the Estimates finally come before this Council.

It enables us to pass our views on to Your Excellency before the adoption of the Budget is proposed. It permits of a full discussion of the Government programme and policies, and in every way it is more practical and therefore in the best interests of the Colony.

My colleagues, during lengthy meetings of the Select Committee, have thoroughly studied the estimates for all departments and while we recommend caution before embarking on long term projects, we unanimously regard the Budget as a sound and by no means extravagant one.

EXPENDITURE CUT

Certain curtailments of expenditure, detailed in the Revised Estimates, and referred to in the

Report of the Select Committee, have seemed advisable in the different circumstances existing since the Budget was originally framed, but on the whole, if we are to keep the Colony up to date, efficient and competitive amongst the ports of the world, there is very little in the proposed expenditure that it would not be false economy to cut out.

In fact, as appears from the Report of the Select Committee on the Revised Estimates, we have agreed to certain additions being made to the original Estimates in order to carry out work which we regard as essential.

HOUSING COMMISSION

Whilst congratulating the members of the Housing Commission and their Secretary, Mr. W. H. Owen, upon the interesting suggestions which they have made for the improvement on overcrowding in this Colony, we feel that in 1939 little can be done in the way of implementing their report.

DANGEROUS TO HEALTH

In any case, the removal of our slums must take many years to complete, and in the meantime our streets remain in an unenviable disease - disseminating condition, almost as dangerous to the health of the Colony as are the slums. As a result of representations made by Unofficial Members in 1938 a certain amount of street washing has been done, but, except in some of the central localities, the filthy condition of the roads and sidewalks is still a disgrace, thus contributing greatly towards our unenviable tuberculosis record, filling our hospitals and greatly increasing the work and budget of the Medical Department. We are not satisfied that more could not be done in this direction, even with the restricted supply of water at our disposal, provided that the flushing is carried out under proper supervision so as to prevent waste.

NEW GOVERNMENT HOUSE

Subject to the plans for the new Government House near Magazine Gap being hereafter submitted to the Finance Committee for its approval, we agree to the expenditure in 1939 of the sum of one hundred thousand dollars upon the levelling of the site.

There are, I believe, many citizens who are inclined to regard this project as unnecessary and extravagant. We have therefore considered it carefully from all angles and we are satisfied for four very good reasons that it is essential.

Firstly—Because the present Government House and Mountain Lodge cost ratepayers annually so much in upkeep that it may be truly said of them that they have passed their economic life.

Secondly—Because the accommodation at the present Government House is inadequate for the needs of the Colony.

Thirdly—Because the old Government House is required, as part of the City Development scheme, to be utilised for the housing of the C.S.O. and P.W.D. staffs, during the building of new Government offices.

And Fourthly—Because it will save the Colony the expense of maintaining Mountain Lodge.

MR. CHAU ADVISES AGAINST INCOME TAX

DESIRABLE PUBLIC WORKS

We wish to place on record our opinion that a new Infectious Diseases Hospital, a new Science Laboratory for the University, a new Queen's College, and a new Volunteer Headquarters are public works which will have to be undertaken in the near future, and we would once again call attention, as we did last year, to complaints concerning the Kowloon Mortuary.

TRADE AND TRAFFIC WITH SOUTH CHINA

And, lastly, we urge the British Government to press vigorously for the promptest resumption of trade facilities and traffic communications by land and water between this Colony and South China. We are confident, sir, that the Hongkong Government is in complete sympathy with us and will actively support our stand in this matter.

THE HON. MR. T. N. CHAU

The Hon. Mr. T. N. Chau said:—Sir, in his lucid speech on the Budget for 1939, the Hon. Senior Unofficial Member has presented the united views of all the unofficial members of this Council. There are, however, certain matters principally affecting the Chinese community on which I venture to express my personal views.

With regard to the list of desirable public works, the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo will speak on the urgent need for a new Queen's College, and I wish to say, Sir, that I heartily endorse his remarks.

In the course of your comprehensive and illuminating address to this Council at the opening of the Budget Debate, Your Excellency proposed the appointment of a committee to devise means of broadening the basis of taxation in order to carry out Government's policies of developing the essential social services.

Whatever new forms of taxation the Government may have in view, it is to be hoped that income tax will not be one of them. Although not an expert on public finance, I have no hesitation in advising against it.

Experience elsewhere shows that it is only possible to collect income tax from permanent residents, and from professional men and others whose income is discoverable. In other words, the success of this tax will depend on the number of permanent residents; and in Hongkong the ratio of temporary to permanent residents is, I believe, at least 6 to 1.

I can adduce other and strong arguments against the adoption of income tax here, but the time is not yet. For the present, may I express the hope that if more money were needed, some other form or forms of impost may be devised, and that, in any case, the Government, and whatever committee that may be appointed, will afford the public every opportunity to express their views on this matter before coming to any decision.

RESTRICTING IMMIGRATION

As regards the suggestion of restricting immigration, I submit, with great deference, that such a scheme could not produce the desired result except at great cost, and that the Government should not make a departure from the time-honoured and successful policy of admitting freely Chinese into Hongkong—a policy which has contributed so largely to the growth and prosperity of the Ca-

lony. I maintain that this policy is particularly suited to Hongkong having regard to its proximity to, and economic and political relations with China.

Furthermore, it is common knowledge that the population of this Colony ebbs and flows; but what is not so well-known is that that movement constitutes an invisible export business, for much of the trade of this Colony consists of small purchases. In my view, the remedy does not lie in the restriction of immigration, but rather in scientific town-planning and in the economic exploitation of the New Territories.

MORE HOUSES WANTED

The first practical remedy is to encourage building, especially dwelling houses. I advocate that Government should open up new areas for residential purposes and embark on extensive site formation, thereby offering ready-made lots to intending builders, with careful control of the type of houses and with safeguards against exploitation by profiteers.

The other remedy is to explore the possibilities of the New Territories. The Sino-Japanese conflict has taught us a lesson, and I do hope that in the not distant future, there will be great development of industrial and agricultural activities in the New Territories.

I note in paragraph 26 of the Hon. Financial Secretary's Memorandum on the Financial Position for 1937, 1938 and 1939, that the supply of firewood from Government plantations has resulted in great savings. On several occasions recently when there was a shortage of supply, the price of firewood went up very considerably. I respectfully suggest to the Government the possibility of extending the sale of this essential commodity to the public, whenever there is a shortage of supply, having due regard, of course, to the conservation and preservation of our plantations.

On behalf of my Chinese colleagues and myself, I wish to express our grateful thanks to Your Excellency and Lady Northcote for the great sympathy you have both shown and the practical interest you have taken in the formation of the Hongkong and South China Branch of the British Fund for Relief of Distress in China.

REFUGEE CAMP

I feel confident that everyone in this Colony will generously support this worthy cause. While on this subject I cannot let the opportunity pass without paying a very warm tribute to the Hon. Dr. Selwyn-Clarke and his able staff for the valuable services they have rendered in connection with the Refugee Camp at Kam Tin. I have visited the Camp myself and know what an enormous amount of work it must have involved in organising a camp of such a magnitude.

It is a matter of great satisfaction to my Chinese colleagues and myself that the entire Chinese community has faced these difficult times with such good sense and dignity, and we assure Your Excellency of our loyalty and co-operation in all matters pertaining to the welfare of the Colony.

THE HON. MR. M. K. LO

The Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo said:—Your Excellency—The Senior Unofficial Member has already expressed our unanimous views on the Budget, and on the new Budget procedure. It remains for me to offer a few remarks on my own account.

WATER

I have from time to time already taken up so much of this Council's time in submitting my views on the Water question that I propose this afternoon to limit myself to only a few words on the subject of waste and prevention of waste, and of licensed plumbers.

It is of course impossible to find out the exact figure of consumption per capita per day because one of the facts in calculation, namely, that of population, is never exactly ascertainable. But assuming that the average consumption per month in respect of the period January 1, to July 21, 1938 is 498.75 million gallons (and this figure is based on the answers given recently to my questions in this Council), and assuming that the "population" is 1,050,000 persons minus the floating population and those who draw their water from street fountains, estimated at 250,000, leaving a balance of 800,000 consumers, then the consumption per capita per day works out at 20.78 gallons.

According to the Public Works Department Report, the amount of water consumed from the reservoirs for July, 1938 came to 932.13 million gallons. The water consumed by metered consumers of 498.75 million gallons therefore amounts to only 46 per cent of the total water consumed, leaving 54 per cent unaccounted for.

I do not know the quantity of "free" water consumed, but even allowing for, say, 40 million gallons per month, and taking into account the fact that the July consumption may be appreciably higher than the average monthly consumption, the amount of water unaccounted for is still appallingly great. I shall be glad to be enlightened on this aspect of the matter.

PREVENTION OF WASTE

Although the water problem has always been with us, and although the problem of prevention of waste should always have been one of great importance, it is a matter of surprise that it was not until last year that the question of organising a special department for the detection and prevention of waste was seriously taken in hand.

I would like, however, to congratulate Government on this step. The requirement under the new regulations that all plumbers must first obtain a licence from the Water Authority before they can carry out any work of construction, alteration or repair for consumers is of course a valuable safeguard against incompetent workmanship. But I understand that there is a certain amount of apprehension on the part of the public as to how far this requirement will have the effect of subjecting the public to unreasonably high, in other words, monopolistic charges. I therefore respectfully invite the Honourable the Director of Public Works to inform this Council as to the approximate number of firms who have been licensed, or who are likely to possess the qualifications to be licensed, and as to how far the Water Authority can exercise any control over exorbitant charges.

KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY

I would very much like to congratulate Major R. D. Walker, Manager of the Kowloon-Canton Railway, and the very efficient staff under him, particularly the Chinese Engineer-in-Charge, for the miraculously speedy way in which the grave damage done to

the railway track, caused by the typhoon of September, 1937 was repaired, and through communication restored.

HIS EXCELLENCY'S ADDRESS

The Senior Unofficial Member has already expressed the joint views of the Unofficials on Your Excellency's masterly survey of the Colony's problems, on which I now respectfully venture a few observations.

HOUSING COMMISSION'S REPORT

One of the most important subjects dealt with by Your Excellency was the Housing Commission's Report. I should like to invite the attention of this Council to paragraph 67 of Mr. Owen's Memorandum, which shows that the charges now imposed by Government on land for development in Hongkong, in Shamshulpo, and similar districts, is "about three times higher than those on the outskirts of London where the price of land is notoriously high."

The Report shows clearly that for years house-building has not kept pace with the increase in population, and some of the reasons for this lag are indicated or implied in the Report. Numerous and persistent complaints have reached me against the delay and difficulties of having sites put up for auction, and of having plans approved and passed. I venture to hope that insofar as such cause is due to overlapping of departments, or is traceable to the administrative machinery of the Public Works Department, this question may be looked into by my Honourable friend, the Director of Public Works.

CROWN RENTALS

Another complaint which I have often heard has reference to the high charges for land and Crown rent, especially in view of the comparatively short term of tenure under existing Crown Leases. This complaint would appear to be borne out by Mr. Owen's observation, which I have quoted above. I venture to think that, apart from any action on the lines indicated by Your Excellency, Government should do its utmost to facilitate building development in approved areas and, above all, that Government should anticipate development by laying down drainage etc., on pre-marked out roads, so that newly built houses would not have to wait for months, or even years, for their houses to be connected to a Government main drain.

IMMIGRATION

As Your Excellency has pointed out, a fundamental issue was raised by the Commissioners' Report relating to the enormous reservoir of population which exists at our door, and by the question of restricting immigration as a possible remedy.

My Senior Chinese Unofficial colleague has spoken on this question which, as the Housing Commission's Report observes, is one "which presents very serious difficulties."

Having regard to the history of the Colony when it was ceded to the British Crown, and the public Proclamations made in connection with such occasion, I am quite clear in my own mind that restricted immigration, as this word is understood in other parts of the world, as against the Chinese, cannot be justified.

I imagine, however, that Your Excellency has in mind not such restricted immigration, but some

SPLENDID HOLIDAY RACING PROMISED AT MACAO

Governor's Cup Main Attraction At The November Meeting

SPECIAL DOLLAR SWEEP

(By "LAST QUARTER")

A LARGE NUMBER OF VISITORS will be expected to make the trip this week-end to Macao when the Macao Jockey Club hold their November meeting. An interesting programme, with the Governor's Cup as the main event and terminating with the usual Ladies' Race, will keep punters fully interested. As Saturday has also been declared a holiday, the Stewards have very wisely brought forward the meeting one day instead of holding it on Sunday as originally advertised.

This change will enable visitors to be back in Hongkong on Sunday morning, instead of Monday morning, which has proved to be quite a rush for certain enthusiasts who have to be back at their desks by 9 a.m.

A special \$1 Sweep is being conducted on the main event, the Governor's Cup, and from reports received sales have been very encouraging. For the convenience of racing enthusiasts, the Macao Jockey Club Office, Gloucester Building, will remain open to-day, November 11, up till noon, for the sale of Cash Sweep tickets, etc.

KIUNGCHOW HANDICAP

Both Hogmanay and Merry Maker have heavy loads to look after in this six furlong sprint and although they are expected to be near, I believe Gold Clause will eventually get the better of both of them. This grey has been doing some fairly good gallops, according to information from the Portuguese Colony and is in excellent condition at the moment. After the three mentioned, I consider Rothsay Bay as the most likely one to snatch a place if any of the favourites are beaten.

LIMCHOW HANDICAP

The Stewards have given novice jockeys something to think about in this race, as the distance is over 1-1/2 miles, and the class of ponies entered are certainly not of the best with the result that the riders will have to sit right down and do a good bit of hard riding.

Iron Knight appears to be strong enough to last out this gruelling race although Daddy Longlegs will make a fight of it all the way round. Cloudy Star is not a bad racer but I am of the opinion that this pony is rather sluggish and unless he gets a good strong jockey his chances will be fairly remote. Macau Star is worth considering as a long outsider.

WUCHOW HANDICAP

Double Chance should have no difficulty in winning here as there is not much opposition with the exception of Gold Sovereign and Zero. The latter is not as reliable

CHAMBERLAIN'S SPEECH WELL RECEIVED

Peaceful Policy Vindicated

London, Nov. 10.

The speech by the Prime Minister, Mr. Chamberlain at the Guildhall, finds welcome in Rome. "Popolo Roma" in a headline refers to "Mr. Chamberlain's exalted words" and speaks of the pacifying influence of the Anglo-Italian agreement.

The "London Times" describes the speech as "a vindication of the peaceful policy of England."

The "Daily Telegraph" declares that "cheerfulness and confidence would be augmented if there were more definite indications that the Prime Minister's will to have understanding was as entirely shared in quarters where reciprocity is most essential to success."

The Paris paper "Le Jour" declares that no doubt Mr. Chamberlain's assurances regarding France will be warmly welcomed there.—Reuter.

FRANCE TO CONTROL ALIEN INFLUX

Paris, Nov. 10.

New regulations are expected to be announced shortly providing for drastic measures to curtail the influx of undesirable aliens into France, according to the Paris press.—Transocean.

NEW PUPPET PRESIDENT TO CHINA

Post For Marshal Wu Pei-fu?

JAPANESE UNABLE TO AGREE

Peking, Nov. 10.

Circles in close touch with current negotiations believed to-day that Japanese authorities have been unable to agree on the choice of a Chinese president for the new Japanese sponsored "Central Government of China."

Lieut.-General Kenji Doihara was believed to favour Wu Pei-fu, a puppet official, for the presidency.

General Doihara, however, was understood to be willing to give Marshal Wu Pei-fu considerable political independence in the belief he could be trusted to run his office in accordance with Japan's wishes, according to an American news agency.

Other military officials want to keep the power of Chinese officialdom in Japanese-occupied areas of North China at a minimum.

Chinese politicians believe Marshal Wu Pei-fu would emerge to take the presidency only if allowed to choose his own ministers. He wants to oust the present provisional government headed by Wang Keh-min. This would be agreeable to General Doihara, who is opposed to Wang's policies.

Should Marshal Wu Pei-fu be unacceptable the probable second choice would be Chin Yun-peng, ex-Premier of China, who would be given a "high position" with virtually no power.—International

SWISS DEFENCES STRENGTHENED

Bern, Nov. 10.

Councillor Minger, Chief of the Swiss Military Department, stated that new fortifications strengthening Switzerland's natural defence line would be completed by the spring. Plans were ready for a second defence line behind the first one.

Organisation, equipment and armament of the Swiss Army had made good progress but nearly all the arms and ammunition had to be imported. Steps had been taken to increase the efficiency of the Swiss plane factories and a number of modern army planes had been bought abroad.—Transocean.

M.C.C. WIN EASILY

Capetown, Nov. 10.

The M.C.C. won their match against the Western Provinces by an innings and 342 runs. The Marylebone scored 589 for 8 declared with the Western Provinces only doing 140 and 107.—Reuter.

JAPANESE ANXIOUS TO LEND ASSISTANCE

Stranded Kuling Foreigners To Be Evacuated?

Hankow, November 10.

THE SITUATION AS REGARDS the foreigners isolated on the Kuling hilltop still hangs fire but General Hata yesterday informed the British naval authorities that he was most anxious to co-operate with the foreign authorities in this matter.

General Hata added the information that he had already arranged to despatch a Japanese army officer to Kiukiang to contact the gunboats Cockchafer and Morocacy with a view to discussing ways and means of overcoming the problem either by evacuation or other measures.

MEANWHILE FOREIGN RE-

PORTS from Changsha estimate that steps are already being taken regarding the protection of foreign lives and property in the event of hostilities reaching Changsha.

The foreign community, which a few weeks ago numbered 106 including 19 Britons has already held a meeting and the situation is reported to be well in hand.

H.M.S. Sandpiper is at present at Changsha. Maps showing British property in Changsha and Ichang were shown to Colonel Hirota and Lieut. Colonel Nakayama this morning by the Naval authorities when the officers returned Rear-Admiral Holt's call on General Hata.—Reuter.

State Visit To London Of King Of Rumania



KING CAROL



CROWN PRINCE MICHAEL

London, November 10.

King Carol of Rumania and Crown Prince Michael who will arrive in England on Tuesday on a State visit to the King and Queen will be met at Dover by the Duke of Kent. The King and the Duke of Gloucester will meet the Royal visitors at Victoria Station and will drive in State with them to Buckingham Palace where His Majesty will entertain them at a State banquet in the evening.

On Wednesday, King Carol and the Crown Prince will go to the Guildhall where they will attend a civic luncheon. In the evening King Carol will entertain the King and Queen at dinner at the Rumanian Legation and this will be followed by a reception at Buckingham Palace.

On Thursday, King Carol will visit the R.A.F. Station at Odham in the morning and the army in the Aldershot area in the afternoon.

At night there will be an official dinner at the Foreign Office at which the King, as well as King Carol and the Crown Prince, will be present. Next morning King Carol will leave for the continent.—British Wireless.

ANOTHER DRIVE HALTED

(Continued from Page 1)

fought since the Japanese began their drive on Wutai in the middle of September.

The Japanese suffered eight thousand killed and ten thousand wounded. Wutai was captured but from behind the impenetrable mountain ranges to which they retired. The Chinese, since the beginning of November, counter-attacked, re-occupying a number of important points.—Reuter.

RECAPTURE OF SHENGTSSEH

Chungking, Nov. 10.

Shanghai despatches received here to-day report the recapture by Chinese guerrillas of Shengtsseh, important silk-producing town on the Kiangsu-Chekiang border, 20 kilometres northwest of Kashiung, early this week.

The recapture of Shengtsseh, according to the despatches, was achieved by the Chinese forces driving southward from Wukiang, on the eastern border of Taihu Lake.

These guerrillas have combined forces with other units in neighbouring districts and are striking westward to threaten Wuhing, the important North Chekiang agricultural and sericulture centre.—Central News.

EARLY FALL OF CHANGSHA IMPOSSIBLE

Chungking, Nov. 10.

Reports disseminated from Japanese sources regarding the rapid advance beyond Hankow have caused no concern in Chinese Government quarters because according to their view the nature of the territory of the Hunan province makes an early fall of Changsha, that is the present goal of the Japanese offensive, impossible.

In consequence of the mountainous region, the Japanese troops can move only along the highroads which the Chinese are defending with all their might.

In authoritative Chinese circles, it is believed that the Japanese troops at present engaged in the Hunan offensive are too weak to advance and that considerable reinforcements would have to be obtained.—Transocean

CRICKET MATCH

Kowloon C.C. To Meet Press

A friendly cricket match will be played at King's Park to-morrow at 2 p.m. between the Kowloon Cricket Club and the Press.

The teams are as follows:—K.C.C.—S. A. Gray (Capt.), R. T. Broadbridge, B. D. Lay, F. A. Adams, R. A. J. Simpson, C. Walker, H. F. Shields, R. E. Lee, S. V. Gittins, E. C. Fincher and D. J. N. Anderson.

PRESS—G. C. Burnett (Capt.), H. Brokenshire, A. T. Lee, F. M. el Arculi, M. R. Abbas, J. R. Luke, G. W. Giffen, O. Talip, E. MacNider, E. R. Ellis and A. M. Omar.

Radical Socialists Leave Popular Front

Paris, Nov. 10.

The Radical Social Party, according to a reliable source, will this afternoon officially announce their leaving the Popular Front. The Radical Socialists are expected to declare that in keeping with their Marxist decision they cannot continue co-operation with the Communists whom they accuse of insulting the Radical Social Ministers and breaking up the Popular Front majority.—Transocean.

FOUR NIL FOR ENGLAND

London, Nov. 10.

England comfortably beat Norway by four goals to nil in their international football match at Newcastle to-day.—Reuter.

Kongmoon, respectively are expected at daybreak to-morrow and will probably leave for Hongkong very shortly.—Reuter.

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China Cannot Be Japan's Vassal State

Quoting a telegram from Chungking, in which Japan's new Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Hachiro Arita, is reported to have replied to the protest of the United States of October 6, limiting the open door policy and the principle of equality of opportunity and demanding the United States to recognize Japan's leading position in the Far Eastern political situation, the "Ta Kung Pao" in an editorial yesterday ridiculed the prospects of economic co-operation with Japan without political warrant.

CANTON NOW A LIVING HELL

(Continued from Page 1)

the Sun Co., the Asia Hotel, the Yuet Wah, Fa Kee and Central Hotels, the Chung Mei Drug Co., and many other business houses. Luckily, it did not jump across the broad Tai Ping Maloo, and until yesterday there was only one major fire to the east of that avenue. Yesterday, however, a conflagration broke out in the Yat Tak and the Tsing Ho Maloos, and buildings separated from the B. A. T. Bund building by a narrow lane were ablaze when the writer paid a visit and saw the B. A. T. staff removing all their goods from the cigarette godown.

DYNAMOS DAMAGED

Contrary to rumour, there has been no fire so far on the Wing Hon Maloo, nor was the Bund electric power station burned, though dynamites were purposely smashed before the Chinese army left the city. Buildings on the Bund somewhat to the west of the Wing Hon Maloo, however, were burnt in a fire that finally died out of its own accord, that fine area extending almost as far north as the Yat Tak Maloo.

In Honan, too, there have been several big fires. The writer, however, has not had the time to visit that side of the river, and cannot say exactly what parts of this suburb were destroyed.

Near the Honan end of the Pearl River Bridge, a new conflagration broke out yesterday afternoon, and was burning furiously as the day closed.

RAILWAY PROPERTY ON FIRE

I should have mentioned that, on the day the Chinese garrison withdrew, railway property caught afire, and the depot, godowns and storehouses on the compound of the Canton and Hankow Railway all went up in smoke. The wind that day was blowing towards the river, so the flames were kept from leaping to buildings near to Shameen. Nevertheless a lengthy district on the extremely west end of the city was laid in ruins.

Before they left, the government blew up a lot of factories in the factory district in Saichuen, but the writer has not had the opportunity of going through that desolated area. It is reported that the old water-works at Tsangpo, beyond Saichuen, was rendered useless by dynamiting. On Saturday and Sunday, one heard frequently loud explosions. On Saturday night, there was a particularly heavy shock as some building was blown up on the south side of Honan Island.

The writer was passing the New Asia Hotel at the foot of the Tai Ping Maloo on Sunday when he had to step out briskly to avoid being hit by window-glass, an explosion just at the back of this hotel breaking all the window-panes. Two more explosions occurred as I walked from this locality back to Shameen. The last of these was of terrific force, and was somewhere in the Wongsba area.

WINDOWS BROKEN

Many windows were broken in Shameen, plaster fell from ceilings, and in the Chartered Bank, the buildings of Loxley and Co., and U. Spallinger and Co., and some other structures, window-frames were pulled out of place, and either

INSURGENTS ADVANCE

Barcelona, Nov. 10.

Government forces admit that the Insurgents made slight advances on the Ebro front though at heavy cost in men. It is declared they have consolidated the positions gained by them on Monday in the Segre River front. This is confirmed by Reuter's special correspondent on the spot.—Reuter.

AUSTRALIA PREPARES

Canberra, Nov. 10.

The Australian Government is taking immediate steps to form a voluntary militia, seventy thousand strong, declared Mr. Lyons, the Prime Minister to-day.

The campaign for recruiting men will be under the leadership Mr. W. M. Hughes who will be assisted by a Cabinet sub-committee including Colonel Street, Minister for Defence.—Reuter.

KIALING RIVER

Chungking, Nov. 9.

The Mingxing Shipping Company, it is understood, has bought a hundred trucks for use on West China roads and also for conducting improvements to aid navigation in Kialing River.—Reuter.

toppled to the ground or were left leaning way out of plumb. In one residence, a hole was torn in the roof by the force of the blast.

Various reasons have been given for the hasty retirement of the army of defence. Some say the Chinese commanders were guilty of a tactical error, and allowed their army to be caught on two sides by advancing Japanese columns so they had to give up the city to avoid being surrounded and captured.

In the middle of the night last Wednesday, all the big defence guns were moved over city streets, leaving Canton by a highway to the west. Next morning, the police ran away, and, since then, there has been looting on every side.

Only yesterday did the Japanese start shooting looters, but it looks as if, from now on, they will deal harshly with those who pilfer from shops from which all employees have left.



In the World of Sports

SENIOR LEAGUE PROSPECTS

MILITARY "DERBY" AT SOOKUNPOO TO-MORROW

Navy Should Beat Saints: Kwong Wah Meeting Police

CHARITY MATCH THIS AFTERNOON

(BY C.I.R.E.)

THE FEATURE OF LAST WEEK-END'S rather curtailed programme of Senior League football fixtures—owing to the Volunteer Camp—was the smashing victory gained by Middlesex over South China "B" at Sookunpoo, the soldiers winning by four clear goals the Chinese side giving one of their poorest displays this season.

Middlesex thus moved up to second place in the League table and to-morrow afternoon should take two further points from the Royal Scots.

In the Causeway Bay enclosure, Navy, who last week scored a meritorious win over Eastern after being two goals in arrears, will meet St. Joseph's and an interesting match is promised, with the odds in favour of the Senior Service.

South China "A" will entertain the Club at Caroline Hill and should take both points. But the Valley team for several seasons past has always prove the "A"

team's "bogey" on the Caroline Hill ground and an upset will not be altogether unexpected.

Kwong Wah will be at home to the Police on the railway ground and a win for the latter is probably likely. The combination of European and Chinese players in the Police is a definite asset as has already been proved by their smashing win over the Saints.

On Sunday, at Caroline Hill, South China "B" will be opposed to Eastern and unless the "B" side shows great improvement over their form of last Saturday, Eastern should gather the points. A close game, however, is indicated.

To-day, Armistice Day, the Club ground, Happy Valley, will be the venue for a charity match between the United Services and the Rest of the Colony. The match should prove of particular interest as both teams are strong and well matched.

The Rest side will include Lee Wai-tong, as leader of the attack, who is always a pleasure to watch for his uncanny play and marksmanship. The stands should be packed to capacity for this encounter.

ARMY CRICKET TEAM

The Army 2nd XI to meet the Police at Sookunpoo on Saturday at 2 p.m. is as follows:—Capt. Whatman, Capt. Lawrence, Lt. Hook, Lt. Ingram, Sgt. Bloomfield, Sgt. Goodger, Sgt. Bartlett, Sgt. Gill, Cpl. Webb, L/Brd. Chaplin, Brd. Hebden.

GAME CANCELLED

The football match arranged to take place during the week-end between the Stanley and Electric teams has been cancelled at the request of the latter, states the Hongkong Football Association.

Forecast For Week-end

SATURDAY

Div. I
Royal Scots v MIDDLESEX
SOUTH CHINA "A" v Club
NAVY v St. Joseph's
Kwong Wah v. POLICE
Div. II
SOUTH CHINA v Club
Royal Scots v. MIDDLESEX
R.A.O.C. v. Eastern
Kwong Wah v. POLICE
ENGINEERS v. Kowloon
Div. III (A)
STANLEY v. Electric
Div. III (B)
R.E. (E) v. R.A.F.
Kumaon R. v. SCOUTERS
24TH R.A. v. Powhattan
Div. III (B)
A.S.A. v. Signals

SUNDAY

Div. I
South China "B" v EASTERN
Div. III (A)
South China v. ROYAL SCOTS
R.A.S.C. v. 30th R.A.F.
P.W.D. v. KIT CHEE
Div. III (B)
A.S.A. v. Signals

Scotland Trounces Wales

Edinburgh, Nov. 10.
Scotland defeated Wales by three goals to two in an international soccer match played here yesterday. A crowd of 40,000 watched the match.

Play was even in the first 20 minutes. Wales then broke away and scored through Astley, the Derby centre-forward.

Gillick, the Everton left-winger, equalised for Scotland shortly before half-time, which was taken with the score 1-1.

In the second period, Walker, the Heart of Midlothian's inside right, scored twice for Scotland. Leslie Jones, of the Arsenal, playing at inside right for Wales, replying.

The Welshmen showed clever ball control but poor shooting robbed them of their chances.

Teams:
Scotland.—Brown, Anderson, A. Beattie, Shankley, Baxter, Miller, Delaney, Walker, McCulloch, R. Beattie and Gillick.
Wales.—John, Whatley, Hughes, Dearson, T. G. Jones, Richards, Hopkins, L. Jones, Astley, Bryn Jones and Cumner.—Reuter.

ENGLAND TEAM

London, Nov. 10.
The English team to meet Ireland in the international match at Old Trafford, Manchester, on November 16, is as follows:

Woodley, Sproston, Hargood, Willingham, Cullis, Mercer, Matthews, Hall, Lawton, Stephenson and Smith.—Reuter.

FRIENDLY HOCKEY

The following will represent the K.I.T.C. in a friendly hockey match against the Y.M.C.A. (European) King's Park, to-morrow at 4.15 p.m.

Man Singh, Kamal Singh, Jaggeet Singh, K. Husain, J. M. Pinto, M. R. Malik, Amar Singh, A. P. Sousa, Pyara Singh, C. Pinto, Abdul Aziz, and Bhag Singh.

LARWOOD TO PLAY FOR BLACKPOOL

London, Nov. 10.
H. Larwood, who resigned recently from Nottinghamshire, will play for Blackpool in the Ribblesdale League next season.—Reuter.

FRIENDLY BOWLS MATCH

The following will represent Kowloon Tong Club in a friendly bowls match against the Kowloon Bowling Green Club at Kowloon Tong to-morrow:—
C. Mose, B. M. White, J. S. Stephens, A. Spary (skip), H. Gittins, J. N. Wong, Y. N. Atienza, A. H. Asto (skip).

RACE ENTRIES

Eleventh Extra Meeting

Advance Entries for the 11th Extra Race Meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club, to be held on Saturday, September 19 are as follows:—

1. or 4.—Shum Chun Handicap.—First or Second Section.—Winner \$500. Second \$250. Third \$150. For China Ponies, "C" Class. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. One Mile.
Amberley, Aplas Bistre, Centre Forward, Election Time, Gold Coin, Harvest View, Jungle Jim, King's Bounty, King's Lead, Laughing Buddha, Laughing Girl, Lucky, National Defence, National Pride, Night View, Rose Evelyn, Rose Jane, Rose-Queen, Scenic View, Soldier of China, Sunlight View, Tampa Bay, Tyne, Wild Cat.
2.—New Bridge Handicap.—Winner \$500. Second \$300. Third \$200. For Australian Subscription Ponies, "B" Class. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. Six Furlongs.
A Better Time, Aztec, Criffel, Derby Day, Dick Turpin, Katinka, Lucky Lad, Ranger, Snowy River, Tomado Star, Vixen Tor.
3.—Hongkong St. Leger.—Winner \$1000. Second \$300. Third \$200. For China Ponies, Griffins of this Season. Weight 145 lb. Winners of one race, 5 lb; of two or more races, 10 lb. penalty. Entrance \$10. One and Three Quarter Miles.
Confusion Bay 156, Elizabeth 156, Jober 156, Just In Time 151, Silky-light 156.
5. or 8.—Castle Peak Handicap.—First or Second Section.—Winner \$450. Second \$225. Third \$125. For China Ponies, "D" Class. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. From the 1 1/4 Mile Post (About Half Mile 170 Yards).
Araxy, Coronation Day, Cuban Love, Dekko, Desert Star, Diogenes, Double Chance, Ebony Idol, Emergency Call, Estover, Fel Ying, Final Triumph, Five Rulers, Fly-bynight, Golden Cow, Gold Sovereign, Good Morning, Lancashire Chap, Lucky Eleven, Meteor, Piet Hein, Plain View, Racing Boy, Royal Highness, Tempest, The Leopard, Tiny Star, Tribute, Valorous, Whalsey, Zero.
6.—Newcastle Handicap.—Winner \$500. Second \$300. Third \$200. For Australian Subscription Ponies, "C" Class. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. From the Two Mile Post Once Round and In (About One Mile 151 Yards).
A Great Time, Bag Tor, Bredon, Brutus, Cape York, Colorado Star, Discovery Bay, Macquarie River, Murray, River, Perfect Day, Rex, Roofly, Stratherrick, Twilight Star, Violet Queen.
7.—Taipe Handicap.—Winner \$450. Second \$225. Third \$125. For China Ponies, Subscription Griffins of this Club of this Season. Winners of more than \$750 in stakes, barred. To be ridden by Jockeys who have not won ten races anywhere at any time. No Whips or Spurs allowed. Entrance \$5. From the Two Mile Post Once Round and In (About One Mile 151 Yards).
Acme, Astrik, Cape Comorin, Captain Blood, Dark Hazard, Five Rulers, Lancashire Cliff, National Dignity, National Guard, Rexiana, Sea Dragon, Split Hand, Sunshine Sustie, Wenzling.

Sporting Fixtures

TO-DAY
ATHLETICS.—South China A.A. 10 a.m.
BRIDGE.—Y.M.C.A. Contract Bridge Class, (Women's Section) 10 a.m.
FOOTBALL.—Poppy Day Fund match, Combined Services v. Hongkong F.A. (Club), 4 p.m.
HOCKEY.—Nomads v. Rajputs (Shamshupol) 4.30 p.m.
TO-MORROW
RACING.—The Macao Jockey Club's November Race Meeting at Arela Preta, Macao, 2.15 p.m.
BADMINTON.—Hongkong Badminton Association League, "A" Division, University "A" v. Chinese Y.M.C.A., Club de Recreio v. King's College.

Starting Times For Fanling

TO-DAY
Old Course
a.m.
9.16 H. J. D. Lowe and K. R. Quick.
9.20 A. V. Greaves and J. W. Mayhew.
9.24 N. K. Littlejohn and J. Forbes.
9.28 J. A. D. Morrison and J. H. McElney.
9.32 T. F. R. Waters and W. H. Stopford.
9.36 A. M. Mack and R. G. Gray.
9.40 H. Harrison and A. E. Perry.
9.44 G. C. Worrall and I. H. Geare.
9.48 S. J. H. Fox and P. H. Scoones.
9.52 H. F. Sommers and D. D. Forbes.
9.56 D. J. S. Crozier and H. S. Jones.
10.00 W. J. S. Key and A. H. McBride.
10.04 J. Hall and G. Riddell-Carre.
10.08 H. Overy and W. J. E. Mackenzie.
New Course
9.32 Mr. and Mrs. Sander.
10.16 C. R. Mallory and B. Rolfe.
10.32 Mrs. Overy and Mrs. Mackenzie.

HOME SOCCER CHATTER

It is being said in Scotland that Thomas Smith, Scotland centre-half-back at Wembley last season and Preston North End's great player when they won the F.A. Cup, may not play football again.

He broke his leg while on a Continental tour with his club. He returned on crutches to be given a civic welcome by his native Cumnock.

In a try-out in Preston's Central League side, he received a bad knock on the injured leg.

Reid, the Scots' outside-left, is the latest addition to the casualty list at Brentford. He twisted an ankle in a private trial. This probably means he will not play for a few weeks.

No Brentford player has been missed more than Bateman, since he was injured in the match against the Arsenal. The captain of the side has been absent for six successive games.

CRICKET TO-MORROW

The following will represent the Club de Recreio "A" Eleven in a friendly match against the Diocesan Boys' School to-morrow at 2 p.m.

F. H. de Carvalho (Captain), E. A. R. Alves, A. M. Prata, W. A. Reed, N. A. Beltrao, H. M. Xavier, R. Soares, P. d'Almeida, P. A. Yvanovich, Jr., R. A. Marques.

SOFTBALL IN MANILA

American Girls Win Match

In their initial match at the Rizal Memorial Stadium, Manila, the American Girls' Softball team, who are due to play in Hongkong shortly, lost to the Foreign Y.M.C.A. men's team by 9 runs to 6.

Against the Atlantic Gulls men's side, the American girls scored a splendid win by 9 runs to 8 after a very close match.

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1 p.m. Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.15 p.m. Selections from Light Opera.
"Dollar Princess"—Medley (Fall).—Nat Shikret and His Orchestra.
"Lily of Killarney"—Vocal Gems

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10.20—Wheat and Grain Reports (A).

10.45—"At Home and Abroad" (A).

11.10—Luncheon Music (A).

11.30—Afternoon Musical Programme (A).

1.00 p.m.—Broadcast to Schools—
"Adventures in Music" by Lindley Evans (A)

1.20—Musical Programme (A).

3.20—Tiny Tots' Session (A).

4.00—The Northfleet Silver Band (D1).

4.30—Talk on Armistice Day by A.G. Street (D1); "At Home and

Abroad" (A).
4.45—"Steamboat" (D1); Sporting News and Notes (A).
5.25—Commentary On News (A).
5.40—News (D1).
6.00—"Friday Specials in Rhythm"—Jim Davidson's A.B.C. Dance Band (A).

6.25—Service of Remembrance from the Cenotaph, Whitehall, London (D2).

6.30—Desmond Tanner at the Electric Organ (A).

7.00—Light Orchestra Music (A).

7.10—"And So To Bed" (D2).

7.30—Pianoforte Music (D2).

7.40—Medvedeff's Balalaika Orchestra (D2).

8.00—"Under Big Ben" Talk by Howard Marshall (D2); Ballad Concert (A).

8.15—Billy Thorburn and his Music (D2).

8.50—Recorded Feature (A).

9.00—"Food for Thought" (D2).

9.30—News (D2).

10.00—Music Hall. With the BBC Variety Orchestra (D3).

11.00—Violoncello Recital by Rita Sharpe (D3).

11.15—Service of Remembrance from the Cenotaph, Whitehall, London. (D3).

12.00—News (D3).

12.30 a.m.—"Stop Dancing" (D3).

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D.II.—Daventry, Trans. II.
D.III.—Daventry, Trans. III.
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ECONOMIC FACTORS AFFECTING RECOVERY NOTED IN SURVEY

In tracing the course of recent economic developments and endeavouring to discern in them some clue as to their possible future trend, it is not unnatural to compare the existing situation with that prevailing in the period of decline following 1929, and to attempt to assess the significance of the points of difference. The "World Economic Survey, 1937/8," prepared by the Economic Intelligence Service of the League of Nations, draws attention to certain features of the present position which were not in evidence during the downward movement of the great depression.

It is pointed out that in the '30's as a whole, there are a number of factors at work, tending to sustain the demand for goods and services, which were absent in the post-1929 depression.

Government expenditure on rearmament is generally much higher than in 1930 and shows no signs of an immediate reduction. The liquid reserves of the banks, both in the United States and in many other countries, are now much greater than in 1930, so that interest rates are generally low and there is no fear of another extensive banking and financial crisis such as occurred in 1931.

There is also a much greater readiness amongst monetary authorities and Governments to adopt prompt measures of monetary expansion and of public expenditure to offset a recession and it is stated that, in the absence of a gold standard, the national authorities are much less liable to be restrained from such policies by fears of their effect upon the balance of payments and the foreign exchanges.

CAPITAL MOVEMENTS

The "Survey" concludes that the absence during recent years of the large international movements of long-term capital, which had taken place before 1929, means that national economies are not liable to be disordered by the abrupt cessation of such lending, and points out that fixed interest payments on international debts have been scaled down through repayment, conversion and default, thus reducing an item of great rigidity in the balance of payments of many countries.

In 1930, the "Survey" continues, the United States adopted a policy of high protection at a time when the deepening depression was putting a strain on the export markets of other countries, whereas the present commercial policy of America is based upon the liberalisation of trade through the Trade Agreements programme. For all these reasons the conclusion is reached that recession is less likely to be intensified at present through deflation imposed upon debtor countries by sudden adverse movements in their balances of payments.

EVENTS IN U.S.

Great significance is attached in the "Survey" to the course of events in the United States, which is regarded as the most important factor affecting the development of the world economic situation.

In considering the position in that country it is admitted that the recession there has been rapid and severe, but it is pointed out that America now has larger accumulated needs in durable goods than she had in 1929. It will, therefore, become increasingly difficult to postpone investment expenditure and increasingly easy to find useful forms of capital expenditure to stimulate recovery. In this way, the position is regarded as undoubtedly less threatening than in 1929.

The following table, prepared by the Brookings Institution and reproduced in the Survey, suggests that there is no lack of scope for the carrying out of useful works of capital development in the United States.

To set against these favourable factors, the "Survey" refers to a number of unsatisfactory develop-

DURABLE GOODS REQUIREMENTS, 1937-1941, COMPARED WITH PRODUCTION IN 1936.

U.S. \$ of 1936 (100,000,000's)

Class of Goods.	Deficiency at end of 1936	Regular requirements 1937-1941	Average annual production 1937-1941	Pro-necessary production in 1936
Residences (non-farm)	9.0	11.3	4.1	1.3
Passenger automobiles	2.2	12.8	3.0	2.6
Other consumers' durable goods	1.0	20.0	6.0	4.5
Steam railroads	2.3	10.0	2.5	1.5
Public utilities	—	11.0	2.2	1.3
Industrial enterprises	11.0	40.0	10.2	6.0
Agriculture	1.5	5.0	1.3	0.8
Public and semi-public construction	—	17.5	3.5	3.0
Total	27.0	138.6	32.8	21.0

This estimate allows for sufficient construction to meet both the depreciation of capital and the growth of population since 1929, but not for any improvement of standards over those of that year.

CIGARETTE TAX IN KALGAN

BRITISH INTERESTS PROTEST

Peiping, Nov. 10
It is understood that representations are being made to the authorities concerned by British tobacco interests by the adverse tax at Kalgan, where all cigarettes entering the territory of the Japanese-sponsored Mongolian Government are charged an import tax of \$100, compared with only \$80 charged for Japanese products.—Reuter.

U.S. CRUDE OIL PRODUCTION

The American Petroleum Institute of New York estimates that the daily average crude oil production for the week ended October 29, totalled 3,228,000 barrels. This represents a gain of 81,000 barrels over last week's figure.

The daily average output for the corresponding week of 1937 year was estimated at 3,068,000 barrels.

ments, the foremost of which are those which may make it even more difficult than in 1930 to restore confidence and so to stimulate for capital purposes.

POLITICAL SITUATION

Amongst these developments are the much more serious state of the international political situation, as well as the adverse, as opposed to the stimulating, consequences of heavy rearmament expenditure and the restraining effects upon business enterprise of increased Government intervention in economic affairs. In addition the loss of rigid exchange stability resulting from the abandonment of the gold standard tends to increase the uncertainties of producers and traders of export goods and also gives rise to large-scale speculative movements of short-term funds.

In view of these opposing forces and of the many important changes in economic conditions since 1929, it is still felt to be too early to answer the question whether the recovery noted in the League of Nations "Survey" is permanent or not. The opinion is expressed in that publication, however, that this question will in all probability be answered by the events of the next few months.

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Liguan Coal Mines, which is reported to be the only company actively producing coal in the Philippines, announces that its average monthly production for the first nine months is 3,278 tons, which represents an increase of over 1,000 from last year's average. The total production for the same period is 29,503 tons.

According to Mr. F. M. Saleeby, manager of the company, about two-thirds of their output is bought by the Manila Electric Company. The rest is sold to boats which go to Liguan for fueling. Mr. Saleeby revealed that the Philippine Government is not buying Philippine coal for the Manila Railroad Company. Instead, it is buying from Japan.

The properties of Liguan Coal Mines are located in Batan Islands, Liguan, Albay. It is believed that these properties have substantial deposits of coal. While production has virtually increased by more than 1,000 a month, the company would have produced still more were it not for scarcity of labour in those regions.

ODER-DANUBE CANAL

CZECH INTEREST REVIVED

Interest in Czech economic circles has been revived in the project of constructing an Oder-Danube Canal to create a waterway connection between the Black Sea and the Baltic.

This would permit the wheat grown in the south-eastern countries of Europe, hitherto dependent on expensive transport by rail to Germany, Belgium and Holland, to reach their markets at a considerably less transport cost than the wheat from Canada and the Argentine.

TAX COLLECTION PROTECTION

Chungking, Nov. 10.
The Ministry of Finance has wired to General Yu Han-mou, Pacification Commissioner for Kwangtung, and General Wu Tschien, Chairman of the Kwangtung Provincial Government, asking them to instruct the troops in Kwangtung to give adequate protection for the collection of national taxes in the province. Illegal seizure of collecting offices or the proceeds of the national taxes must be reported to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and severe punishment will be meted out.—Central News.

WHOLESALE PRICES

London, Nov. 10.
The Board of Trade index of wholesale prices in October was 0.7 per cent. higher than in September but 10.4 per cent. lower than in October 1937.—British Wireless

SINGAPORE STOCK QUOTATIONS

Singapore, Nov. 4.
The following quotations of 12 leading Singapore stocks have been received by Messrs. Ellis & Edgar from Messrs. J. M. Sassoon & Co. Singapore.

MIDDLE PRICE

Rubber Shares
Amalgamated Malay Estate, Ltd., \$1.70.
Kempas, Ltd., \$1.90.
Kuala Sidim Rubber Co., Ltd., \$2.40.
Pajam, Limited, \$1.92.
Sungei Bagan Rubber Estate, Ltd., \$1.45.
Tapih Rubber Estates, Ltd., \$1.90.
Tin Shares
Petaling Tin, Ltd., \$8.00.
Sungei Luas Tin Dredging, Ltd., \$1.60.

INDUSTRIALS

Straits Trading Co., Ltd., \$28.65.
United Engineers, Ltd. (Ordinary), \$8.70.
Wearne Brothers, Ltd., \$14.75.

Gold
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COMMODITY MARKET REVIEW

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SINGAPORE RUBBER

	Nov. 8	Nov. 9	Change
SPOT	28-5/8	28-7/8	28-3/4 up 1/8
JAN-MARCH	29-1/4	29-1/2	29-3/8 up 1/8
APRIL-JUNE	29-3/8	29-5/8	29-1/2 up 1/8

The market opened with prices unchanged for all deliveries as compared with Tuesday's closing quotations.

Throughout the session the market displayed a steady undertone in sympathy with conditions prevailing in London, whilst the New York Rubber Exchange was closed on the 8th inst. (Election Day). Some fair buying interest for "spot" Rubber was in evidence, whilst activity for trade and speculative accounts was only moderate.

After some business having been done at quoted rates, the market closed with a quiet undertone.

U.K. Board of Trade Statistics for the first nine months of this year, compared with the corresponding period of the two previous years, reveal the following figures:

	1938	1937	1936
Imports — January-September	143,781	94,453	51,393 tons
Exports — January-September	19,506	37,931	52,750 ..
Stocks — 30th. September	97,966	49,632	103,849 ..

LONDON RUBBER

	Previous close	To-day's close	Change
SPOT	8-3/8	8-7/16	8-3/8 8-1/2 unchanged
JAN-MARCH	8-7/16	8-9/16	8-1/2 8-9/16 up 1/16
APRIL-JUNE	8-1/2	8-5/8	8-9/16 8-5/8 up 1/16

Little general inquiry. Market steady.

NEW YORK COTTON

Prices early advanced on heavy speculative buying, covering by shorts and foreign buying together with the strength of Wall Street. Sentiment was buoyant, with the market also aided by the strength of other commodities. Later, prices partially eased on lower Liverpool cable and profit-taking, but again finally rallied on renewed foreign and speculative buying and the market closed firm.

NEW YORK RUBBER

Prices opened higher on better London and Singapore advices and advanced further on better general enquiry and on the strength of the stock market. A further fillip was given to the market by renewed Trade and commission-house buying, while manufacturers were also more interested.

CHICAGO WHEAT

Prices moved higher on the strength of the foreign markets and on the firmness of other commodities. Export and mill demand were better, while dealers and commission houses also bought. In the latter part of the session, profit-taking set in and prices partially eased towards the close.

N. Y. Commodity Market

(By Courtesy of Messrs. Swan, Culbertson & Fritz and S. L. Levy & Company)

New York, November 9.

	High	Low	Close	Change
New York Cotton — Dec.	8.54	8.50	8.44	.07 up
New York Rubber — Dec.	17.20	17.12	17.05b	.15 up
Chicago Wheat — Dec.	54 1/2	54	54 1/2	1 up
Chicago Corn — Dec.	47 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2	1 up
Winnipeg Wheat — Dec.	58 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2	1 up

NEW YORK COTTON

	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
December	8.44/44	8.53/53	8.51/51	.07 up
January (1939)	8.34/38	8.46/48	8.43	.06 up
March ()	8.35/37	8.47/48	8.44/44	.09 up
May ()	8.18/18	8.30/29	8.24/24	.06 up
July ()	8.05/05	8.15/14	8.10/10	.05 up
October ()	7.81/81	7.91/90	7.88/88	.07 up
Spot	8.94 N		9.06	.12 up

NEW YORK RUBBER

	17.05b/05a	17.10b/20a	17.20/20	.15 up
December	17.04/05	17.10/13	17.14/15	.10 up
March	17.01b/04a	17.15/15	17.15 N	.14 up
May	17.00b/07a		17.15 N	.15 up
October	17.00b/07a		17.15 N	.15 up
Sales for the day:—		1,490 tons		

CHICAGO WHEAT

December	64/63 1/2	64 1/2/64 1/2	64 1/2/64 1/2	1 up
May	65 1/2/65 1/2	66 1/2/66 1/2	66/66 1/2	1 up
July	65 1/2/65 1/2		65 1/2/65 1/2	1 up
Tuesday's Sales:		7,901,000 bushels		

CHICAGO CORN

CHICAGO CORN				
December	46½/46½	47/47½	46½/46½	½ up
May	49½/49½	50½/50½	50½/50½	½ up
July	51/51	————	51½/51½	½ up

WINNIEG WHEAT

December	57 1/2/57 1/2	57 1/2/58	58 1/2/58 1/2	1	up
May	60 1/2/60 1/2	60 1/2/61	61 1/2/61 1/2	1	up
July	61 1/2/61 1/2		61 1/2/62	1	up

NEW YORK HIDES: (New Contracts)

	13.15b/15a	13.35/30	13.35 B	
December	13.35/34	13.75/73	13.74/75	
March				

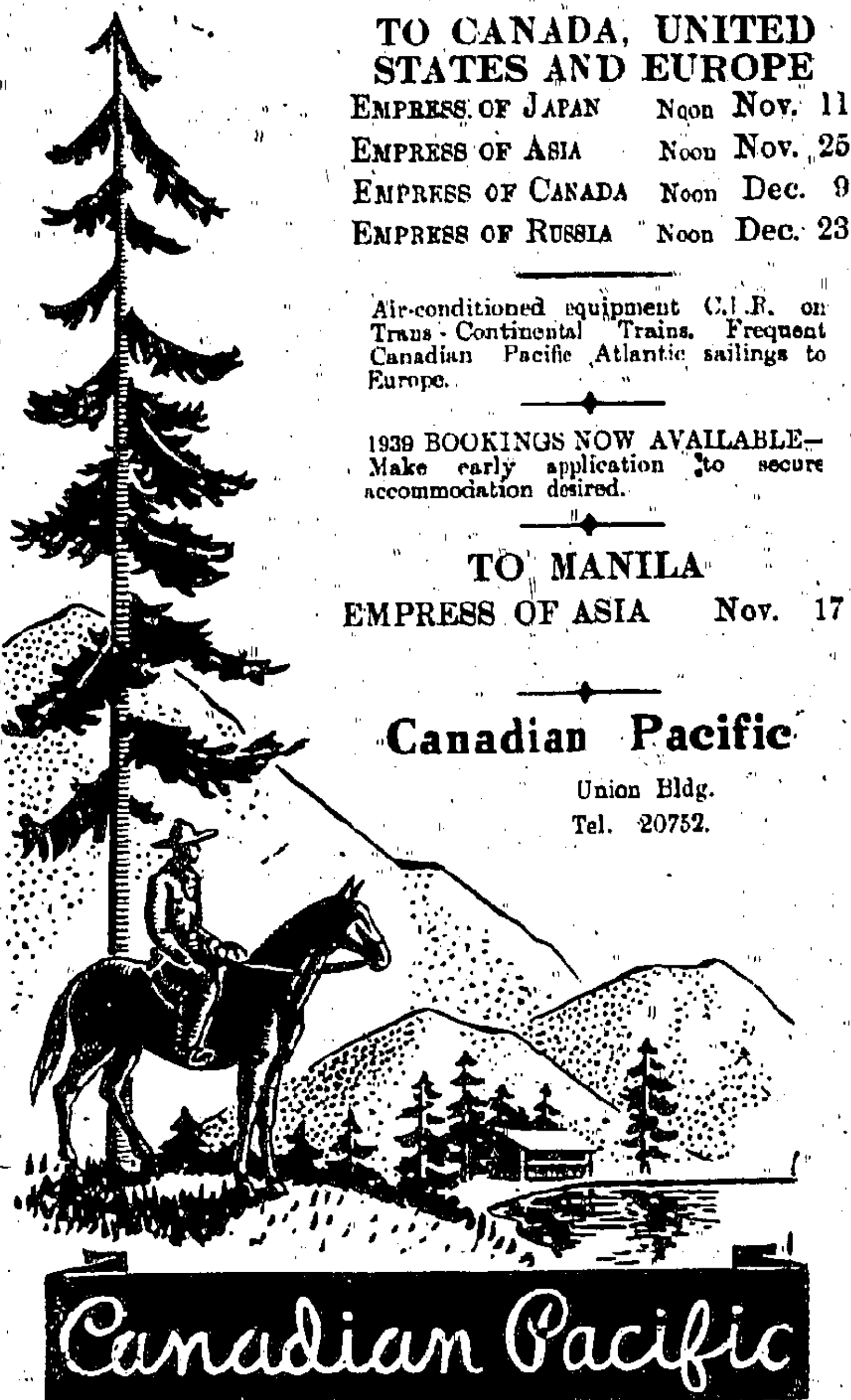
NEW YORK STRAITS TIN

	46.10b/30a	46.15b/35a	46.40b/50a	
December	42-3/4		42-3/4	
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Felix Roussel, French, 9,400 registered tons, Capt. J. Georges, from Kobe and Shanghai, at Kowloon Wharf, 3 p.m.—M. M. & Co. (Tel. 28551).

Temerale, Norwegian, from Europe and Straits, at Kowloon Wharf, 7 a.m.—Thoresen and Co. (Tel. 30237).

Laos, French, 734 registered tons, Capt. P. B. Morganti, from Saigon, at buoy No. B2, a.m.—M. M. & Co. (Tel. 26551).

Victoria, Italian, 7,145 registered tons, Capt. U. China, from Europe, Straits and Manila, at Kowloon Wharf, 7 a.m.—Lloyd Triestino (Tel. 32983).

Ranpura, British, 9,331 registered tons, Capt. J. M. Legg, from Japan and Shanghai, at Kowloon Wharf, 6 a.m.—M. M. & Co. (Tel. 27721).

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Hellas, Norwegian, 1,114 registered tons, Capt. J. L. A. Nilsen, from Bangkok and Swatow, at buoy B2, 7 a.m.—Thoresen & Co. (Tel. 30237).

City of Pittsburgh, British, 4,719 reg. tons, Capt. J. Singleton, from Shanghai, at buoy No. A2, 11 a.m.—Bank Line (Tel. 27761).

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Kwangtung, British, 1,572 reg. tons, Capt. J. R. Nisbet, from Bangkok, at buoy No. B2, a.m.—B. & S. (Tel. 30331).

Friderun, German, 1,470 registered tons, Capt. G. Bloem, from Rabaul, at Kowloon Wharf, a.m.—Melchers & Co. (Tel. 27772).

Yuen Sang, British, 1,983 registered tons, Capt. E. J. Laurence, from Calcutta and Straits, at Kowloon Wharf, a.m.—J. M. & Co. (Tel. 30331).

Tai Wang, Norwegian, 3,903 registered tons, Capt. H. Akselsen, from New York via Manila, at Kowloon Wharf, a.m.—Dodwell & Co. (Tel. 28021).

Rio de Janeiro Maru, Japanese, 5,828 reg. tons, Capt. S. Mashihara, from Japan ports, at buoy A7, a.m.—O. S. K. (Tel. 28061).

Shanfung, British, 1,568 registered tons, Capt. J. S. Anderson, from Haiphong and K. C. Wan, at buoy No. B2, a.m.—B. & S. (Tel. 30331).

Yunnan, British, 1,634 registered tons, Capt. J. D. Whyte, from Shanghai and Swatow, at buoy No. B2, a.m.—B. & S. (Tel. 30331).

Lyemmon, British, 1,734 registered tons, Capt. E. Holmes, from Saigon, at buoy No. B2, a.m.—Wo Fat Sing (Tel. 20005).

ARRIVED YESTERDAY

Bonnevis, British, 3,205 registered tons, Capt. D. G. Cuthbertson, from Singapore, at Stonecutters—W. R. Loxley & Co. (Tel. 34165).

Holhow, British, 1,629 reg. tons, Capt. O. Fox, from Swatow, at buoy No. B2, a.m.—B. & S. (Tel. 30331).

Hong Kheng, British, 3,975 reg. tons, Capt. D. M. Hood, from Poochow, Amoy and Swatow, at Stonecutters—Ho Hong & Co. (Tel. 28127).

Gaasterkerk, Dutch, 5,444 registered tons, Capt. Francois, from Japan and Shanghai, at buoy No. A9—J. C. J. Line (Tel. 28015).

Hai Hing, Norwegian, 1,415 registered tons, Capt. E. R. Hannevig, from Amoy and Swatow, at buoy No. B16—Thoresen and Co. (Tel. 30237).

Tai Poo Sek, French, 1,219 reg. tons, Capt. J. Bonnamour, from K. C. Wan, at buoy No. C1—Tal Fung & Co. (Tel. 20093).

Santhia, British, 4,841 registered tons, Capt. R. Redwood, from Calcutta and Straits, at Kowloon Wharf—M. M. & Co. (Tel. 27721).

Pres. Doumer, French, 6,892 registered tons, Capt. Labelle, from Marseilles and Saigon, at Kowloon Wharf—M. M. & Co. (Tel. 26651).

SAILING TO-MORROW

Ranpura, British, 9,331 registered tons, Capt. J. M. Legg, from Kowloon Wharf, for Singapore, Bombay, London and Marseilles, noon—M. M. & Co. (Tel. 27721).

Bellerophon, British, 5,709 registered tons, Capt. E. Williams, from Holt's Wharf, for Shanghai and Japan, p.m.—B. & S. (Tel. 30331).

Danmark, Danish, 5,342 registered tons, Capt. Hjermum, from buoy No. A1, for Japan via Shanghai, p.m.—East Asiatic & Co. (Tel. 34111).

Santhia, British, 4,841 registered tons, Capt. R. Redwood, from Kowloon Wharf, for Shanghai and Japan, noon—M. M. & Co. (Tel. 27721).

Mau Sang, British, 2,063 registered tons, Capt. P. Jowitt, from buoy No. B2, for Sandakan, p.m.—J. M. & Co. (Tel. 30331).

Yochow, British, 1,629 registered tons, Capt. D. Wilson, from buoy No. B20, for K. C. Wan, Hoilow and Haiphong, 2 p.m.—B. & S. (Tel. 30331).

Nanning, British, 1,486 registered tons, Capt. E. W. Richards, from buoy No. B2, for Amoy and Shanghai, 5 p.m.—B. & S. (Tel. 30331).

Rio de Janeiro Maru, Japanese, 5,828 reg. tons, Capt. S. Mashihara, from buoy No. A7, for Straits and South Africa, p.m.—O. S. K. (Tel. 28061).

Laos, French, 734 registered tons, Capt. P. B. Morganti, from buoy No. B2, for Haiphong, 11 a.m.—M. M. & Co. (Tel. 26551).

Temerale, Norwegian, from Kowloon Wharf, for Shanghai and Japan, p.m.—Thoresen & Co. (Tel. 30237).

Glenafarie, British, 4,908 registered tons, Capt. W. G. Harrison, from Holt's Wharf, for Shanghai and Japan, p.m.—J. M. & Co. (Tel. 30331).

SAILING TO-DAY

Emp. of Japan, British, 15,725 reg. tons, Capt. J. D. Douglas, from Kowloon Wharf, for Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu and Vancouver, noon—C. P. S. (Tel. 20752).

Canton, British, 9,254 registered tons, Capt. H. M. Jack, from Kowloon Wharf, for Shanghai and Japan, 9 a.m.—M. M. & Co. (Tel. 27721).

Cingalese Prince, British, 3,834 reg. tons, Capt. E. Litchfield, from Kowloon Wharf, for Saigon, Manila, Halifax, Boston and New York, 7 a.m.—Furness (Far East), Limited (Tel. 23165).

Silverash, British, 3,111 registered tons, Capt. T. W. Hall, from Kowloon Wharf, for Manila, Philippine Islands, New York and Boston, 6 a.m.—Furness (Far East) Ltd. (Tel. 23165).

Mutnam, Danish, 1,739 registered tons, Capt. V. L. Reister, from buoy No. B15, for Holhow and Singapore, 1 p.m.—B. & S. (Tel. 30331).

Gaasterkerk, Dutch, 5,444 registered tons, Capt. Francois, from buoy No. A9, for Manila, Straits and Europe, 6 a.m.—J. C. J. Line (Tel. 28015).

Nanchang, British, 1,488 registered tons, Capt. J. Middleton, from buoy No. B2, for Poochow and Shanghai, 4 p.m.—B. & S. (Tel. 30331).

Tai Seun Hong, French, 1,297 reg. tons, Capt. H. Courquex, from buoy No. B2, for Shanghai, Chetoo and Tientsin, 5 p.m.—J. M. & Co. (Tel. 30331).

Felix Roussel, French, 9,400 registered tons, Capt. J. Georges, from Kowloon Wharf, for Saigon and Marseilles via Singapore, 8 p.m.—M. M. & Co. (Tel. 26551).

Victoria, Italian, 7,145 registered tons, Capt. U. China, from Kowloon Wharf, for Shanghai, 2 p.m.—Lloyd Triestino (Tel. 32983).

Tai Poo Sek, French, 1,219 reg. tons, Capt. J. Bonnamour, from buoy No. C1, for K. C. Wan, 4 p.m.—Tal Fung & Co. (Tel. 20093).

Hong Kheng, British, 3,975 registered tons, Capt. D. R. Bannerman, from buoy No. A2, for Singapore, Penang and Rangoon, p.m.—Ho Hong & Co. (Tel. 28127).

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Wing Wo for K. C. Wan.
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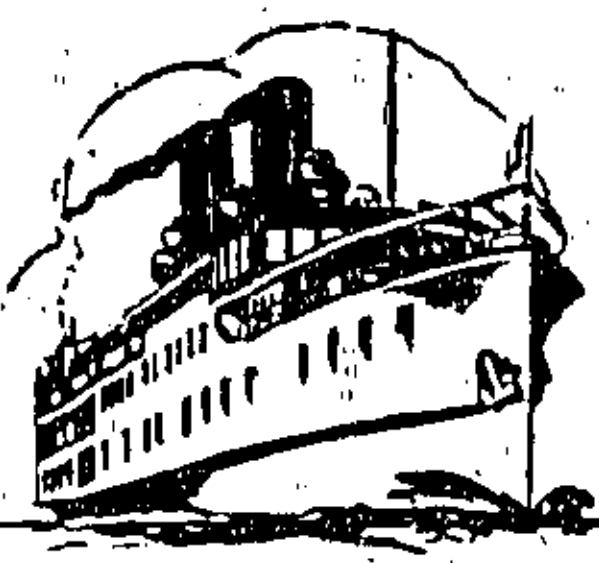
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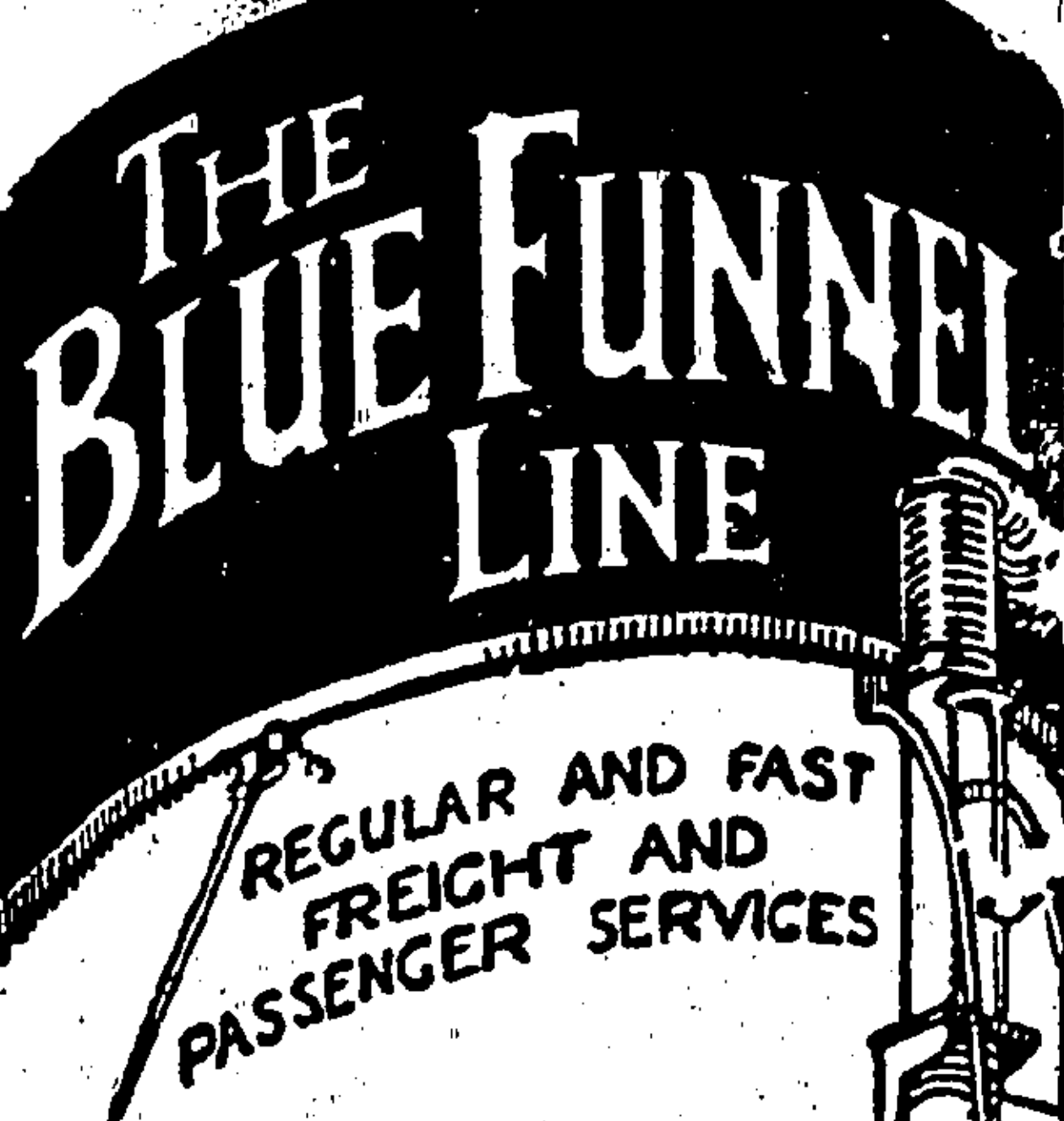
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(Benedict).—Light Opera Company with Orchestra. "The Land of Smiles"—Selection (Lehar).—London Theatre Orchestra cond. by Ernest Irving. "Countess Maritza"—Selection (Kalman).—Grand Symphony Orchestra with Ilse Wald (Soprano) and Hans Clement (Tenor).

1.30 p.m. Reuter and Rugby Press. Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.40 p.m. Schumann—Concerto in A Minor, Op. 54.
Alfred Gortot (Piano) and the London Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Sir Landon Ronald.

2.15 p.m. Close down.

6 p.m. Compositions of Elgar.

"Crown of India" Suite, Op. 68.

Introduction and Dance of Hunchback Girls, Minuet, Warriors' Dance, March of the Mogul Emperors; Pomp and Circumstance March No. 5.—London Symphony Orchestra cond. by Sir Edward Elgar, O.M.

K.C.V.O. Organ Sonata in G.—G. D. Cunningham playing on the Organ of Alexandra Palace, London.

6.25 p.m. London Relay—A Service of Remembrance from the Cenotaph, Whitehall, London.

7.10 p.m. Chopin—Sonata in B Flat Minor, Op. 35.

Played by Percy Grainger (Piano).

7.31 p.m. Orchestral Music.

La Scala D. Seta—Overture (Rossini). Arrival of the Queen of Sheba (from "Solomon"—Handel).

—Sir Thomas Beecham and London Philharmonic Orchestra.

"The Merry Wives of Windsor" (Nicolai)—Overture—Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Dr. Karl Böhm.

Polonaise No. 2 (Liszt, arr. Muller-Berghaus).—Berlin State Opera Orchestra cond. by Dr. Leo Blech.

Slavonic Dance No. 12 in D Flat Major (Dvorak).—Czech Philharmonic Orchestra cond. by Václav Talich.

8 p.m. Local Time Signal. Weather Report and Announcements.

8.02 p.m. London Relay—"Under Big Ben."

A talk by Howard Marshall.

8.15 p.m. Marek Weber and His Orchestra with Richard Crooks (Tenor).

Deutschemeister "Regimental March (Jurek): Spring's Delight—March—Intermezzo (Albion).—Marek Weber and His Orchestra.

Open Your Window To The Morn (Royden-Phillips). If I Should Send A Rose (Shayon-Shikret).—Richard Crooks (Tenor) with Orch.

"Die Fledermaus"—Selection (J. Strauss).—Marek Weber and His Orchestra.

Springtime Reminds Me Of You (Rotter and Jurman). My Sunshine Is You (Stolz).—Richard Crooks (Tenor) with Orch.

"La Belle Helene"—Selection (Offenbach).—Marek Weber and His Orchestra.

8.45 p.m. Egon Petri at the Piano. Sonata in F Sharp Major (Beethoven-Op. 78). Concert Study in D Flat Major (Liszt).

9 p.m. Brahms—Tragic Overture, Op. 81.

The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra conducted by Arturo Toscanini.

9.15 p.m. Relay—From St. John's Cathedral of Elgar's "For The Fallen" sung by the Hongkong Singers conducted by Lindsay A. Lafford with R. Baldwin at the Organ.

9.30 p.m. London Relay—The News

9.50 p.m. Relay—From St. John's Cathedral of Brahms' "Requiem" sung by the Hongkong Singers conducted by Lindsay A. Lafford with R. Baldwin at the Organ.

10.40 p.m. The Royal Command Concert Held at the Albert Hall, London.

To Heart-Easing Mirth (Purcell-Davies).—Isabel Baillie, Elsie Sudaby, Astra Desmond and Chorus.

The Cloud-Capt Towns (Stevens).—Marek Weber and His Orchestra.

Welsh Folk Song—Margaret Rees and Welsh Chorus. Twinklydillo (English Folk Song)—Robert Easton and English Chorus. England (Perry).—Mary Jarred and Matted Chorus. Jerusalem (Perry). National Anthem (Final verse).—Matted Chorus.

11 p.m. Close down.

ROYAL VISIT TO CANADA

Ottawa, Nov. 9.

Mr. Mackenzie King, Prime Minister of Canada, declared that their Majesties' visit to Canada next year will last three weeks and that the King and Queen will travel through every province.

The exact date of their departure from England has not yet been decided.—Reuter.

JAPAN'S THREAT TO BRITISH EMPIRE

Lack Of Assistance To China Deplored DEBATE IN COMMONS

London, November 10.

Taking part in the House of Commons debate on the King's Speech yesterday, Mr. David Lloyd George, former Liberal Prime Minister, after pleading for more light on how the Government was going to attain peace, complained that there had always been a complete surrender to the dictators and their most extreme demands. In China they had surrendered far more than Japan had ever demanded when she had begun her Chinese policy. "We have no policy," added Mr. Lloyd George.

The news last night, continued the speaker, was that Japan's armies had announced their intention to march right to the boundaries of Burma. For the first time they are right on our frontier, a great aggressive, military empire, commanding millions of soldiers. "It is a very grave event for the British Empire," said Mr. Lloyd George.

Mr. Lloyd George criticised the conclusion of the Anglo-Italian pact. The withdrawals of volunteers which had taken place were practically a sham, as vital materials were not removed. Even the pact which the Government had entered into at Munich had been disregarded, and further aggressions had been committed. "It isn't merely unconditional surrenders, but it is giving a free hand in all these cases—East, West, and in Africa."

HONGKONG CUT OFF

Mr. Lloyd George also referred ironically to the sending of a few packages to China when she was fighting for life against a terrible aggressor and invader.

"Can you disarm without getting a settlement in China?" he asked. "I cannot imagine a greater act of folly than a settlement in China like that of Czechoslovakia."

"The Japanese have cut us off at Hongkong and Shanghai and our trade has been shut out. The Customs will be in their hands in the future, and we shall be entirely dependent on their goodwill."

Mr. Lloyd George begged Mr. Chamberlain to discontinue trying to settle with the dictators these great difficulties which can only be settled by an appeal to the whole tribunal of mankind.

NOT CONQUERED PEOPLE

In the course of criticising the Government in the debate Sir Stafford Cripps asserted that the Chinese people were in no way a conquered people yet.

It would take, even if it ever happened many years for Japan to conquer China, but in the King's Speech there was no reference whatever to, or any suggestion of, policy.

Mr. Butler said he could add nothing on the subject of colonies at the present.—Reuter.

There was no sympathetic reference to China's sufferings, or to the fact that the Government was giving assistance to those people Britain had deserted under the most solemn treaty obligations. "We don't even offer them pieces of silver," added Sir Stafford.

CURIOUS OMISSION

He said that another curious omission from the speech was Government's attitude with respect to colonies.

A demand had been made for the return of German colonies. He would like to know whether the Government's attitude was the same now as a year ago.

Mr. Butler said that it was clear from Mr. Chamberlain's speech, that when the time came, Britain would be ready to play her part in giving such assistance as China, its Government and people might require to repair the terrible damage they have suffered, and to rehabilitate and re-equip their country for the years of peace which they hoped would come.

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

Mr. Butler said that Sir Stafford Cripps had stated that no assistance was being given China, adding: "We have taken our part in conjunction with other Powers in supplying medical and other assistance to China through the League of Nations organisation."

He would like to pay tribute to the medical unit at present operating under terrible conditions there, and said that the British Government would completely associate itself with any other schemes to help the Chinese people in their terrible plight.

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GENERAL HOLIDAY

On Friday, 11th November and Saturday, 12th November, the General Post Office and Kowloon Central Post Office will be open from 8.00 a.m. to Noon. The Sheungwan Branch Post Office will be open from 8.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. and the other Branch Post Offices will be entirely closed.

There will be one collection from the pillar boxes each day as on Sunday. One delivery of ordinary correspondence at 11.30 a.m. and one delivery of registered correspondence at 11.00 a.m. on each day.

The Branch Post Offices at Stanley, Tai Po and Un Long will also have one delivery of ordinary correspondence each day at 11.00 a.m. The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

CHRISTMAS MAIL FOR CANADA AND U. S. A.

Christmas Printed Paper Mail (Christmas Cards etc. in open envelopes) and Parcels for Canada and Letters and Parcel Mails for U. S. A. will be closed in the General Post Office and Kowloon Central Post Office per S.S. "Empress of Asia" as follows:—

Parcels 3.00 p.m. 24th November.
Registered Mail 5.00 p.m. 24th November.
Ordinary Mail 7.00 p.m. 24th November.
These mails are due to arrive at Vancouver B.C. and Seattle (U.S.A.) on the 12th December, 1938.

CHRISTMAS MAILS FOR GREAT BRITAIN VIA SUEZ

Printed Paper Mail (Christmas Cards etc. in open envelopes) closes as follows:—

Registered Mail 9.45 a.m. 26th November.
Ordinary Mail 10.30 a.m. 26th November.
This mail will be forwarded by the S.S. "Rawalpindi" and is due to arrive at London on the 24th December, 1938.

Parcel Mail for Great Britain closes at Noon on Friday 11th Nov. per S.S. "Ranpura" and is due to arrive at London on the 18th Dec., 1938.

Postal Service to Canton is temporarily suspended.

Ordinary letter mail only for West Kwangtung, Kwangsi, Szechwan, Kweichow and Hunan will be accepted at senders' risk.

Air mail for certain places previously served by the Chungking and Hankow Air-lines, will be despatched via Hankow and thence by air as services permit.

Letters and Postcards for Europe (except Great Britain and Eire) and South America are forwarded "via Siberia" if so superscribed.

INWARD MAILS

From	Per	Due
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date 2nd November.		
Straits	Pan-American Airways Plane	11th Nov.
Japan and Shanghai	Bellerophon	11th Nov.
Straits and Manila	Felix Roussel	11th Nov.
Japan and Shanghai	Victoria	1st Nov.
Rabaul	Ranpura	11th Nov.
Japan	Friderun	12th Nov.
	Rio de Janeiro	
	Maru	1st Nov.
Bangkok	Kwangtung	1st Nov.
Haiphong, Pakhoi and Fort Bayard	Shantung	12th Nov.
Shanghai and Swatow	Yunnan	12th Nov.
Amoy	Tingnara	13th Nov.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date 6th November.		
Shanghai	Imperial Airways Plane	14th Nov.
Japan and Shanghai	Hakuyo Maru	14th Nov.
Straits	Tyndareus	16th Nov.
Japan and Shanghai	Cremor	16th Nov.
Amoy	Antenor	15th Nov.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date 10th November.		
Parcels from Calcutta and Straits	Imperial Airways Plane	16th Nov.
Australia and Manila	Hosang	16th Nov.
Amoy	Atsuta Maru	17th Nov.
Japan	Tiawa	17th Nov.
	Misapora	1st Nov.

OUTWARD MAILS

REGISTERED AND PARCEL MAILS are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

For	Per	Date and Time
FRIDAY		
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu (Parcels and Papers only for Canada)		Friday, 11th
U.S.A., Central and South America via Vancouver B.C. due Vancouver B.C., 29th November		G.P.O. & K.P.O. 10.15 a.m. 11th Nov.
Tientsin	Emp. of Japan	Noon
Foochow	Tai Sen Hong	Noon
Saigon	Nanchang	Noon
Shanghai	Felix Roussel	Noon
Fort Bayard	Victoria	Noon
Parcels only for Rangoon	Taiposok	Noon
	Hong Kheng	Noon
SATURDAY		
Airmail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, and U.S.A. by the "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 17th Nov.		K.P.O. 7.00 p.m. 11th Nov.
Holhow	Pan-American Airways Plane	Noon
Air Mail for "K.L.M. Airways Direct Service"—due Amsterdam, 22nd November.		G.P.O. & K.P.O. 9.30 a.m. 12th Nov.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 9th December		G.P.O. & K.P.O. 10.15 a.m. 12th Nov.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island 24th November		G.P.O. & K.P.O